

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That for the purpose of determining the question as to whether or not any license shall be granted in Worcester county for the sale therein of spirituous, fermented or intoxicating liquors, alcoholic bitters or compounds, the sense of the qualified and registered voters of said county shall be taken at a special election which shall be held for that purpose on Saturday, March 21, 1908; that said election provided for as aforesaid shall be held under the supervision of the Board of Supervisors of Election of Worcester county, who shall furnish for said purpose the ballot boxes, and who shall, upon application, appoint two watchers for each election district of said county, representing opposite sentiments upon the question to be voted for, and as to place of holding the same, the printing and distribution of ballots, the method of voting and in all other respects shall be governed by the general election laws of the State as the same are applicable to Worcester county; that for the purpose of holding the said special election the Supervisors of Election of Worcester county shall give ten days' notice of said election by publication in two newspapers representing opposite political parties published in Worcester county, of the time and place of holding said election, and shall appoint judges and clerks of election in the same manner and of the same number as are required to be appointed at any election under the general election laws of the State; that said Supervisors of Elections of Worcester county shall have prepared the ballots herein provided for at the expense of the county, said ballots to be prepared and printed in the same manner and style as official ballots for any general election, having on each ballot the following words printed in parallel lines and in plain type, "against the sale of intoxicating liquors" and "for the sale of intoxicating liquors." Every such ballot on which a cross (X) shall be placed in the square opposite the words "against the sale of intoxicating liquors" or "for the sale of intoxicating liquors," shall be counted as a vote in the negative or affirmative, as the case may be, but no ballot shall be counted as a vote upon the question unless a cross (X) shall be placed opposite one of the said phrases. The manner of canvassing the ballots and making returns thereof shall conform in all respects to the requirements of the general election laws of the State, as the same are applicable to Worcester county, and it shall be the duty of the Supervisors of Elections of Worcester county, if it shall appear from the returns of said election that a majority of the votes cast were against the sale of intoxicating liquors, to give notice of such returns of election in one or more news-