

cessors continue in office with the same powers and duties as heretofore; provided, however, that the powers of all existing officers of the town of Hyattsville shall expire with the first election hereinbefore provided for, and the qualifications of the officers chosen thereat, and the present Mayor and Common Council are authorized, in addition, to exercise all the rights and privileges conferred by this Act upon the Mayor and Common Council created, and all ordinances now in force or which may be passed by the present Mayor and Common Council before the election of their successors at the election in June, 1908, and their qualifications shall be as effective as if this Act had not been passed.

SEC. 37. Power is deputed to the male citizens of the town of Hyattsville, qualified voters under section 4 hereof, to amend this charter except as affects the power of the Mayor and Common Council to lay taxes sufficient to meet the town necessities, and subject to the Constitution and general laws of the State and the Public Local Laws of Prince George's county, other than this Act, as follows: Whenever twenty-five per cent. of the voters, as shown by the highest number of votes cast at the last preceding town election for Mayor or Treasurer, shall sign and file with the Mayor and Common Council a petition setting forth in exact language the amendment or amendments proposed by them, it shall be the duty of the Mayor and Common Council to cause the same to be published at least four weeks in some newspaper published in Hyattsville, and in notices posted in public places, as the Mayor and Common Council may direct, thereafter to issue a call for a special election thereon not less than one week after the completion of such publication; provided, that if the submission thereof shall not be delayed more than two months, such amendments may be submitted at the regular term election. It shall be the duty of the Mayor and Common Council to pass such ordinances as may be necessary to regulate the conduct of the election. All ballots at such elections shall have printed thereon the words, "For Amendments to the Town Charter Providing for" , and "Against Amendments Providing for" filling the blank suitable, and if it shall appear on a canvass of all the votes cast at said election that not less than a majority of them have been in favor of the proposed amendment or amendments, then the Mayor and Common Council shall, without delay, proclaim their adoption.

SEC. 38. *Be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect immediately on its passage.

Approved March 10, 1908.