

services, out of the proceeds of the taxes to be levied annually for the general expenses of the town.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the first day of June, nineteen hundred and eighteen.

Approved April 18th, 1918.

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#### CHAPTER 259.

AN ACT to provide for the election of vestries in the Chevy Chase, Norwood and Christ Church Parishes of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in Montgomery county, Maryland, prescribing the qualifications of electors of vestrymen for said parishes.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That in the Chevy Chase, Norwood and Christ Church Parishes of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in Montgomery county, Maryland, the vestries shall be chosen in the following manner, that is to say, every person above twenty-one years of age who shall have been entered on the parish books one month at least preceding the day of election of vestrymen as a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church and who shall also contribute to the charges of the said parish in which he offers to vote such sum as a majority of the vestry in each parish shall annually, within 10 days after their election, in writing, make known and declare, not exceeding two dollars, shall have a right of suffrage in the election of vestrymen for such parish; and all persons so qualified shall, on the next ensuing Easter Monday assemble in said respective parishes, at their parish church, or if there shall be two or more Protestant Episcopal Churches in either parish, at the church first built therein, or if there be in either parish no such church, then at such other place as the rector of the parish, or if there be no rector, as any three or more vestrymen, may have publicly notified to the parishioners; and the said persons, so qualified to vote, when assembled, or such of them as may assemble in each parish, shall proceed, by a majority of votes, to elect, by ballot, eight vestrymen, from among the persons qualified to vote, who, with the rector of the parish for the time being, shall be deemed and considered the vestry of the said parish for the ensuing year, and the rector of the parish shall always be one of the vestry.