

## CHAPTER 657.

AN ACT to enable the registered and qualified voters of Charles County, to determine by ballot at a special election to be held for the purpose, whether or not spirituous, fermented, malt or any intoxicating liquors shall be bartered or sold, given away or otherwise disposed of in said Charles County from and after the thirtieth day of April, in the year nineteen hundred and fifteen; to prescribe the time, place and manner of holding said special election; and, in the event the majority of the ballots cast at said special election shall be "Against License," prohibiting the sale, giving away or otherwise disposing of such liquors, from and after the thirtieth day of April, in the year nineteen hundred and fifteen, except as permitted by the provisions of this Act, and fixing the penalties to be enforced against any person or persons who shall, from and after the thirtieth day of April, in the year nineteen hundred and fifteen, sell, give away or otherwise dispose of any such liquors in said Charles County, contrary to the provisions of this Act; and repealing all laws and parts of laws heretofore enacted and now in force in this State which permit or regulate the sale, giving away or otherwise disposing of any such liquors in said Charles County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the question whether or not any person or persons, corporation, house, company, association or club shall be allowed to barter or sell, directly or indirectly give away or otherwise dispose of, except as hereinafter provided, any spirituous, fermented, malt or intoxicating liquor, of whatever origin, in said Charles County, from and after the thirtieth day of April, in the year nineteen hundred and fifteen; (and any liquors within the meaning of this Act shall be regarded as intoxicating which shall contain more than two per cent. of alcohol), shall be submitted to the registered and qualified voters of said Charles County at a special election to be held in said County on Saturday, the sixteenth day of May, in the year nineteen hundred and fourteen; of which not less two weeks notice shall be given by the Supervisors of Elections for said Charles County in at least two newspapers, published in said Charles County, and also by printed handbills containing said notice to be posted at the most public places within each election district of said County; provided, nevertheless, that if, for any reason, said notice shall not be given or not given in the manner herein prescribed, such failure of publication of said notice shall not.