

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That this Law is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety.

SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 27th, 1916.

CHAPTER 104.

AN ACT to enable the registered and qualified voters of Washington County to determine by ballot whether or not spirituous, fermented, malt, vinous, alcoholic or intoxicating liquors shall be manufactured, bartered or sold, given away or otherwise disposed of in Washington County, providing for the resubmission of said question to the registered and qualified voters of said County at any time after the expiration of forty-two (42) months from the date of an election on this question, and providing penalties for the violation of the provisions of this Act and suspending the operation of any laws or parts of laws inconsistent with the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the Supervisors of Elections of Washington County, upon the filing in their office of a petition containing the signatures of those entitled to vote at the next general election held in Washington County in number not less than one-fourth of the total vote cast in said County at the last election therein, requesting the submission of the proposition, "Shall the sale of intoxicating liquors be licensed in Washington County," the said Board of Supervisors of Elections shall order a special election to be held at a date, to be named by them, not less than sixty (60) days nor more than eighty (80) days from the date of filing of said petition to submit the said question; or, if a regular election is held in said County within the sixty (60) and eighty (80) days limit aforesaid, then the question shall be printed upon the ballot in a separate column after the names of candidates; of which election not less than three weeks' notice shall be given by the Supervisors of Elections for said Washington County in at least two newspapers published in the said County, and also by printed handbills containing said notice to be posted at the most public