

may be, and to determine and declare the result of the election. The Mayor and Common Council shall be the sole and exclusive Judges of the returns, elections and qualifications of the Mayor, Councilmen and Treasurer and shall have full power to provide by ordinance for the hearing and determination of contested elections for any and all of the aforesaid offices, and the Mayor and Common Council or any committee appointed from among them to hear any contested election case shall have power to administer oaths, issue summons for witnesses and compel their attendance by attachment issued to the Sheriff or any constable of said Prince George's County and the Mayor and Common Council may by ordinance provide penalties for contempt of its authority, but prosecutions upon a charge of contempt shall be before the Justices of the Peace having jurisdiction to hear and determine charges of violation of the ordinances of said town. The determination by the Mayor and Common Council of the result of any election shall be final and conclusive.

SECTION 3. *And be it further enacted*, That Section 8, of said Chapter 79, of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1908, be and it hereby is repealed and re-enacted with amendments so as to read as follows:

Section 8. That if it shall appear that any two or more persons voted for as Mayor, Councilman or Treasurer (at any election), shall have received an equal number of votes and they shall have received the highest number of votes cast for any candidate for the same office, so that there shall be no choice, a new election shall be immediately proclaimed by the Mayor and Common Council and such new election shall be held and conducted in all respects, except as to the day of election, as all other elections are conducted under this Act.

SECTION 4. *And be it further enacted*, That nothing in this Act shall be deemed, held, construed or taken to impair the tenure of office of the present Mayor, Councilmen and Treasurer of said Town and all such officers shall continue to hold their respective offices and discharge the duties thereof until the expiration of their several terms, unless otherwise terminated as provided by law, and for all such purposes the said Chapter 79 of