

ive. If a majority of the votes cast are in favor of such new provisions and repeals as set out by the commission, the system of municipal government thereby provided shall go into effect upon July 1, 1923, but the first elections provided for under such plan shall take place as provided by said plan of government prior to said plan going into effect, and shall be conducted by the Mayor, Counselor and the Aldermen of the City of Annapolis as provided for elections under the new system.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the election to determine whether or not the City of Annapolis shall adopt the commission and city manager form of government, as set out in the changes in the city charter as provided by the commission provided herein, shall be held as other special elections are held under the control and by the direction of the Mayor, Counselor and Aldermen of the City of Annapolis, except that the manner of voting shall be as follows: The official ballot shall be prepared under the direction of the said Mayor, Counselor and Aldermen of the City of Annapolis, and no copies of the same shall be made public prior to the election. Said ballots shall be in the same general form and shall contain a condensed statement of the matter at issue and instructions as to the method by which the voter can express his wishes in writing as to whether or not the said method of city government shall be adopted. The Mayor, Counselor and Aldermen of the City of Annapolis shall decide upon three or more sentences expressing approval or disapproval of the proposed plan, and each ballot shall contain printed directions to the voter as to the method of expressing his wish upon the ballot given him, and any ballot not marked in the manner indicated thereon shall be invalid and shall not be counted. Ballots to be voted upon by each of the methods decided upon shall be used in each voting place in as equal number as practicable, and there shall be no differences in form or color or in any other way except the difference in reading matter in any such ballot used.

Approved April 13th, 1922.

CHAPTER 541.

AN ACT to authorize and empower the Commissioners of Oxford to borrow on the faith and credit of said town an additional sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the pur-