

prevention of gambling; to condemn or purchase a right of way of any street or alley which they may determine should be opened for the public convenience; to assess and tax the expenses for laying or paving sidewalks or streets in said town, in whole or in part, upon the respective owners of property footing thereon, that the expense and cost of paving, repairing or otherwise improving the sidewalks or streets in said town, incurred by the Council under their ordinances, may be charged and recovered by them in the name of the corporation from the owners of the property footing thereon, by suit or action at law against the owner thereof, as other debts are collected, and the expenses of the same shall be a lien upon the property chargeable therewith; to grant franchises to any person or corporation for any public purpose or utility.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1924.

Approved April 9, 1924.

CHAPTER 474.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Section 27 of Article 33 of Bagby's Annotated Code of Maryland, title, "Elections," so as to eliminate the annual registration of voters and to provide for the biennial registration of voters in Baltimore City, and to change the time at which said registration shall take place and for other purposes.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 27 of Article 33 of Bagby's Annotated Code of Maryland, title, "Elections," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments so as to read as follows:

27. In the City of Baltimore there shall be a general registration in the year 1922, and quadrennially thereafter. For such general registration the Boards of Registry shall be in session on the Tuesdays, respectively, six and four weeks preceding such regular election, and on the Wednesday next following said Tuesdays, respectively. Before the November election in the year 1924 and biennially thereafter, except in years of general registration, the last general registration shall be revised by the Board of Registry in each precinct where such election is to be held, and for that purpose a Board