

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 56 of Article 15 of the Code of the Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Kent County," sub-title "Ches-tertowntown," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments so as to read as follows:

56. If any Commissioner so elected shall die, refuse to act, resign or remove out of said town the remaining Commissioners shall appoint a person duly qualified to fill said office, who shall hold the same until the next annual election for Commissioners when a successor shall be elected, whose tenure of office shall be for the residue of the term so made vacant.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety, and being passed upon a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 9, 1924.

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#### CHAPTER 268.

AN ACT to permit the consolidation and merger upon compliance with the provisions of Section 48 of Article 48A of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, of the Standard Benefit Society, incorporated, and the National Benefit Life Insurance Company, and to authorize and approve the agreement of consolidation entered into between said Companies,

WHEREAS, The National Benefit Life Insurance Company, a body corporate organized in the District of Columbia, under the Statutes of the United States, heretofore acquired all the capital stock of the Standard Benefit Society, Incorporated, a body corporate organized under the laws of the State of Maryland; and, that both corporations were engaged under their respective charter rights in the business, among others, of insuring lives, as well as writing accident and health insurance policies; and, that it was the desire and intent of the stockholders, officers and directors of both said corporations that they be consolidated and merged together as one corporation, under the name of the National Benefit Life Insurance Company, and, that all the assets and all the liabilities