

the ballots sealed therein, and the booths, to the clerk of the Mayor and Common Council of Hyattsville, who shall faithfully keep the sealed ballot boxes for a period of thirty (30) days after said election.

In the event of the majority of said votes being in favor of the annexation of the territory herein described to the town of Hyattsville, said territory, upon this Act going into effect, shall be annexed to and become a part of said town.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is an Emergency Act, and necessary to the preservation of the public health and safety of the citizens of the territory hereby annexed to the town of Hyattsville and of the State of Maryland, and three-fifths of the members of both Houses upon a ye and nay vote having concurred therein it is declared to be an Emergency Act and as such shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 1, 1927.

CHAPTER 173.

AN ACT to provide for the collection of taxes on real estate and franchises to use the streets, levied, and special assessments made, by the Mayor and Common Council of Hyattsville, to fix the date taxes shall become due, and the interest, penalties and costs on taxes and special assessments.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, as follows:

SEC. 2. All taxes levied by the Mayor and Common Council of Hyattsville on real estate and franchises to use the streets shall be due on the first day of July next succeeding their levy and shall bear interest from that date. On such as remain unpaid after the first day of November following, there shall accrue, in addition to said interest, a penalty of one-half of one per cent. for each whole month that may elapse thereafter, until paid, or a sale for default shall have been finally ratified by the Court. All special assessments made by the said Mayor and Common Council shall bear the same rate of interest, as is now prescribed by law, upon