

sub-title "Pocomoke City," and to enact in lieu thereof 19 new sections, to be known as Sections 255, 256, 256-A, 257, 258, 259, 260, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 269, 271, 272, 275, 276 and 278 of said Article, and to add a new section to said Article, to be known as Section 279-A, and to follow immediately after Section 279 of said Article, all relating to the Charter of Pocomoke City.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 269, 271, 272, 275, 276 and 278 of Article 24 of the Public Local Laws of Maryland (Staton's Edition), title "Worcester County," sub-title "Pocomoke City," be and the same are hereby repealed; and that 19 new sections be and they are hereby enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as Sections 255, 256, 256-A, 257, 258, 259, 260, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 269, 271, 272, 275, 276 and 278; and that a new section be and it is hereby added to said Article, to be known as Section 279-A, to follow immediately after Section 279 of said Article, and all to read as follows:

255. The corporate authority, government, rights, powers and prerogatives of the said town shall be vested in and be exercised by one person, who shall be Mayor of said town, and three persons, who shall be Councilmen, all of whom shall be elected as hereinafter provided, and possess the qualifications hereinafter set forth; no one shall be eligible to be elected to the office of Mayor unless on the day of the election whereon he or she is elected he or she shall be a qualified voter to vote at the municipal election of said town and is at least thirty years of age and unless for one year next preceding the election he or she has been and is, at the time of the election, assessed on the tax books of said town with, and is the owner of, real estate of the value of at least five hundred dollars and if only a part owner then such part interest must be of the value according to such assessment of at least five hundred dollars; and no person shall be eligible to the office of Councilman unless at the date of such election he or she shall be a qualified voter as aforesaid and unless for one year next preceding the election he or she has been and is, at the time of the election, assessed on the tax books of said town with and is the owner of real estate of the value of at least three hundred dollars and if only a part owner then