

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That there be added immediately after Section 7C of Chapter 153 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1922, as amended by Chapters 167 and 177 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1927, two new sections to be known as Sections 7D and 7E, to read as follows:

7D. That in the event the Mayor, Treasurer, or any Councilman, or any or all of them, dies, resigns, or is removed from office, his successor shall be appointed or elected as follows: The Council shall elect one of its members as Mayor to serve for the unexpired term or until his successor is elected and qualified. The Mayor shall appoint any qualified person as Councilman to serve the unexpired term of a Councilman who has died, resigned, or been removed from office or elected to fill the unexpired term of Mayor. The Mayor shall appoint, subject to the approval of the Council a qualified person to serve as Treasurer to fill the unexpired term of office of any Treasurer who has died, resigned, or been removed from office.

7E. That in the event any elective officer shall have been convicted of any felony, involving moral turpitude, by a court of competent jurisdiction, or is guilty of malfeasance, misfeasance or nonfeasance in office, may be impeached and removed from office; provided, however, that before any impeachment proceedings may be brought against any elective officer, a petition shall be filed with the Mayor and Town Council containing at least twenty-five names of qualified voters, which petition shall set forth the offense or offenses for which the said elective officer shall be tried and that the facts set forth in said petition shall be under oath and signed by the informant; that upon receipt by the Mayor and Town Council of such petition, it shall be the duty of the said Mayor and Town Council to notify the elective officer named in the said petition of the charges made against him, by furnishing said elective officer with a copy of the said petition duly certified by the Clerk as being true and correct, and naming a day and hour and place certain for a hearing as hereinafter provided for said elective officer to appear and stand trial before the Mayor and Town Council, acting as impeachment officers; provided, however, that the said elective officer shall have at least 10 days' notice of said hearing, and for good cause shown