

CHAPTER 45.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Section 227 of Article 22 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Washington County", sub-title "Hagerstown", exempting the purchase of certain real estate from certain provisions of said section.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 227 of Article 22 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Washington County", sub-title "Hagerstown", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments to read as follows:

227. The inhabitants of Hagerstown, in Washington County, are created a corporation by the name of "The Mayor and Council of Hagerstown", and by that name shall have perpetual succession; may sue and be sued; may have and use a common seal, and possess such other incidents and powers as attach by law to a municipal corporation, and may purchase and hold real, personal and mixed property for the benefit of said corporation; provided, however, that the mayor and council shall not purchase or acquire any real estate, unless the said mayor and council shall first provide by ordinance for said purchase, and the mode and manner of payment therefor; and all ordinances for the purchase of real estate shall provide for submitting the question of said purchase to the qualified voters of the town at some regular election for the election of councilmen of said town; and before any such ordinance shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the town, at least four weeks' public notice shall be given, by publication in one or more newspapers of the town, of an intention to submit said ordinance to the qualified voters of the town; and said notice shall set forth the ordinance in full, and the mode and manner of payment proposed; and no ordinance for the purchase of real estate shall be of any force or validity unless it shall receive a majority of all the votes cast at such election. Provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall require the Mayor and Council to submit to the qualified voters of the town for ratification or rejection any ordinance or ordinances for the purchase of real estate, not exceeding eighty-five acres, situate along the west side of the Hagerstown and Middleburg State Road, about three miles north of the City of Hagerstown, in Washington County, Maryland, for a "Municipal Airport", provided the purchase price thereof shall