

CHAPTER 598.

(House Bill 734)

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 23 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Wicomico County", sub-title "Salisbury", said new section to be known as Section 293A and to follow immediately after Section 293 of said Article, granting to the Mayor and Council of Salisbury additional powers to pass ordinances establishing a merit and pension system for all employees of the City, and providing for a referendum thereon.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 23 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Wicomico County", sub-title "Salisbury", said new section to be known as Section 293A, to follow immediately after Section 293 of said Article, and to read as follows:

293A. In addition to the other powers granted to the Mayor and Council of Salisbury in this Article, the Mayor and Council of Salisbury shall have power to pass all by-laws and ordinances not contrary to law, as it may deem necessary for the good government of the city, to establish a merit and pension system for all employees of the City of Salisbury.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the provisions of Section 293A of this Act shall not become effective until it has been submitted to and ratified by the voters of Salisbury at the municipal election to be held on May 12, 1939. On the ballots to be used at the said election, there shall be printed the word "For Merit and Pension System" and to the right and opposite said words a square or box, and "Against Merit and Pension System" and to the right and opposite said words a square or box, so that each voter shall have the opportunity to express his or her choice on said question. If a majority of those voting on said question shall be "For Merit and Pension System", then Section 293A shall immediately become effective but if a majority of voters voting thereon shall be "Against Merit and Pension System", then said section shall be null and void and of no effect whatsoever.

SEC. 3. *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 health and safety, and being passed upon a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all of 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 13, 1939.