

CHAPTER 614.

(House Bill 689)

AN ACT adding a new section to Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Prince George's County", sub-title "Hyattsville", said new section to be known as Section 504A, authorizing The Mayor and Common Council of Hyattsville to re-divide the territory of the said town in four new wards.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new section be, and the same is hereby, added to Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Prince George's County", sub-title "Hyattsville", said new section to be known as Section 504A, to follow immediately after Section 504 of said Article and to read as follows:

504A. The Mayor and Common Council of Hyattsville shall have the power to re-divide all the territory of The Mayor and Common Council of Hyattsville into four new wards, as nearly equal to each other in proportions of area and population as shall be practicable, after notice thereof and opportunity for public hearings as The Mayor and Common Council shall provide and direct; each ward shall have two Councilmen, to be qualified, nominated and elected and to have the same powers, duties and obligations as now provided by law; provided, that such redivision of wards shall not take effect until April 1, 1943, and in April, 1943, there shall be a general registration in each ward of the said town. The four Councilmen elected, as provided by law, in May, 1942, shall hold office for a term expiring at the first regular meeting of said Mayor and Common Council in May, 1943. At the general election in May, 1943, there shall be elected two councilmen for each of the four new wards, one to hold office for a term of one year, to expire at the first regular meeting of the said Mayor and Common Council in May, 1944, and one councilman to hold office for a term of two years, to expire at the first regular meeting of the Mayor and Common Council in May, 1945, and upon the expiration of their respective terms, their successors shall be elected for the term of two years each as now provided by law. All councilmen elected under the provisions of this section shall possess all of the qualifications, and have all of the powers and obligations of councilmen of said town as now provided by law, and any vacancies which may occur among such councilmen shall be filled as now provided by law. The Mayor and Common Council of Hyattsville shall also have the power, at any time after such division of wards after notice thereof and opportunity for public hearings as