

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 524 of Article 7 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Carroll County", sub-title "Westminster", as amended by Chapter 453 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at its January Session, 1939, and Section 524B of Article 7 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, so as to read as follows:

524. The government of the city shall be vested in and enforced by a Mayor and Common Council of five members who shall be elected by the inhabitants of the city qualified to vote for delegates to the General Assembly who have actually resided within the corporate limits of the City of Westminster not less than six months preceding a municipal election of said city, and whose names shall appear upon the books of registered voters as hereinafter provided. The Mayor shall be at least twenty-five years of age, and a payer of taxes on the assessed value of at least one thousand dollars' worth of property subject to municipal taxation; the members of the Common Council shall be at least twenty-one years of age and payers of taxes upon the assessed value of at least five hundred dollars' worth of property subject to municipal taxation; and the Mayor shall have resided at least two years and the members of the Council at least one year within said City. At the election to be held on the first Monday of May, 1910, the Mayor and the two members of the Council receiving the highest number of votes shall hold office for the period of two years; the three other members of the Council holding for only one year; and if at this election there should be a tie between more than two candidates with the highest number of votes, the ones to hold office for two years shall be publicly determined by lot, after due notice to the parties interested by the judges of the election. At the election to be held in May, 1911, there shall be three members of the Council elected for a period of two years, and at the election in the year 1912, the Mayor, with two members of the Council, shall be elected for two years, and so alternately from year to year thereafter; said elections shall be held annually on the second Monday of May at such place as shall be designated by the Mayor between the hours of seven o'clock, A. M. and seven o'clock in the evening. The Mayor shall give at least two weeks' notice of the election in the newspapers published in Westminster and by such other means as he may elect, and shall appoint three judges of election. The said judges shall have power to appoint a clerk, who shall keep a record of the persons voting and the persons voted for; and the persons having the highest number of votes for the several