

vass, certify the result to the Mayor and Common Council of Riverdale, and deliver the ballot boxes with the ballots sealed therein and the booths to the clerk of the Mayor and Common Council of Riverdale, who shall faithfully keep the sealed ballot boxes for a period of thirty days after the election.

In the event of the majority of said votes being in favor of the annexation of the territory herein described to the town of Riverdale, said territory, upon January 1, 1944, shall be annexed to and become part of said town.

SEC. 2 *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is an emergency Act, and necessary to the preservation of the public health and safety of the citizens of the territory hereby annexed to the town of Riverdale and of the State of Maryland, and three-fifths of the members of both Houses upon a yea and nay vote having concurred therein, it is declared to be an emergency Act and as such to take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 21, 1943.

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## CHAPTER 972.

(House Bill 345)

AN ACT to create a commission on Baltimore Wholesale Fruit and Vegetable Markets to study and survey market needs, make plans, submit recommendations for legislation and funds needed.

### DECLARATION OF POLICY.

WHEREAS, due to the great increase in the population of Baltimore the produce market facilities established in 1773 and rebuilt in 1907 have long become inadequate to handle the fresh fruits and vegetables efficiently; and

WHEREAS, this situation causes traffic congestion, loss of time to farmers and retail merchants using these markets and increase the labor and costs of the commission merchants; and

WHEREAS, there is a demand by growers, consumers and members of the trade for improvement in marketing and a reduction in the cost of distribution through improvements to the wholesale markets; therefore