

Act be passed prior to said first Monday in May, 1943, at a referendum election and accepted by a majority of the persons voting at said election. For such purpose, a referendum election of the qualified voters, as aforesaid, shall be held by the Mayor and Common Council of Hyattsville at an election, which may be in connection with any regular or special election, the date for which shall be fixed by it not later than six (6) months from the date of the passage of this Act, and said election shall be conducted under the provisions of existing laws for the election of town officers and in accordance with such ordinances as may have been adopted or shall be adopted by the Mayor and Common Council of Hyattsville, not inconsistent with law, for the submission to the voters of said municipality of the provisions of this Act, and the manner of the submission of the question to the voters shall be that on the ballots of such election there shall be printed a synopsis of this Act, which synopsis shall be sufficient if it shall contain the full wording of Section 477A above enacted, and under such synopsis the words, "For Compensation for Mayor and Councilmen" with a blank square opposite at the right, and the words, "Against Compensation for Mayor and Councilmen" with a blank square opposite at the right, and all qualified voters desiring to vote for the provisions of this Act shall place a cross-mark (X) in the square opposite the words, "For Compensation for Mayor and Councilmen" and all qualified voters desiring to vote against the provisions of this Act shall place a cross-mark (X) opposite the words, "Against Compensation for Mayor and Councilmen." If at such election a greater number of persons shall vote "For Compensation for Mayor and Councilmen" than shall vote "Against Compensation for Mayor and Councilmen", then the provisions of the foregoing section of this Act shall become effective and operative, the effective date of the provisions of this Act, in the event the same is approved at said election, to be the date that the said Mayor and Common Council of Hyattsville shall declare the result of said election in accordance with the provisions of law or ordinances as provided herein and compensation to said Mayor and Councilmen shall commence with the first day of the month in which the result of said election is so declared.

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 having been passed upon a ye and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all of the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly of Maryland, the same shall take effect on the date of its passage.

Approved March 23, 1943.