Maryland, said payments to be made from and after the date of the passage of this Act in equal monthly installments, and the said County Commissioners are hereby authorized and directed to levy upon the assessable property of the said county a tax sufficient to pay the aforesaid amounts.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1948.

Approved June 1, 1948.

CHAPTER 56

(House Bill 26)

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Elections", sub-title "Registration", said new section to follow immediately after Section 13 of said Article, to be known as Section 13A of said Article, to authorize the several Boards of Supervisors of Elections to use registry books consisting of cards or loose-leaf pages and providing certain exceptions from the provision of the Election Laws if such cards or loose-leaf registry books are adopted.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Elections", sub-title "Registration", said new section to follow immediately after Section 13 of said Article, to be known as Section 13A of said Article, and to read as follows:

- 13A. In each County, the Board of Supervisors of Elections is hereby authorized to acquire and use registry books consisting of cards or loose-leaf pages, prepared substantially in compliance with the provisions of Section 13 of this Article. If registry books of this character are adopted, they shall be used in the same manner as permanently bound registry books except as follows:
- (a) The entries with respect to each applicant for registration instead of being entered in such registry books shall be entered on cards or loose-leaf pages which shall be returned to the office of the Supervisors of Elections in sealed envelopes, whereupon the same shall be placed in such registry books which shall be designed so as to prevent the unlawful removal thereof.
- (b) If it shall be determined by the Board of Registry that the applicant for registration is not a qualified voter in