SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and having been passed by a yea 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 from the date of its passage.

Approved July 27, 1950.

CHAPTER 4

(Senate Bill 4)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments, Section 138 of Article 24 of Flack's Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, 1930 Edition, title "Worcester County", sub-title "Ocean City", changing and lengthening the hours during which the polls shall be kept open during municipal elections in the town of Ocean City, Maryland.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 138 of Article 24 of Flack's Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, 1930 Edition, title "Worcester County" sub-title "Ocean City", be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, so as to read as follows:

138. The Mayor shall before the hour of opening the polls for any election in said city for the election of Mayor or City Councilmen or for any other purpose, appoint three persons, qualified voters of said city, to act as judges of election, who before entering upon the discharge of their duties, shall make oath before the Mayor or any justice of the peace of Worcester County, to act fairly and impartially as judges of election; and in case of failure of any person or all of said persons so appointed, to appear and qualify, the Mayor shall appoint another or others to act as such judge or judges, who shall qualify in manner aforesaid; they shall appoint one of their own number to act as clerk; they shall keep the polls open from [two o'clock P. M.] *eight o'clock A. M.* to six o'clock P. M., *prevailing local time,* and they shall within two days after election return under their hands the number of votes cast, and for whom cast, to the clerk of the City Council, who shall file the same at once and issue certificates of elections to the persons receiving the largest number of votes; said certificates shall be recorded among the proceedings of the Council. Should the Mayor or the Clerk of the City Council fail to perform the duties imposed upon