

tration and election, and shall not later than the 15th day of May, 1945, post in five conspicuous places in each District a typewritten or printed notice notifying all residents of the proposed Town that a referendum election will be held at a place and on a date named therein to determine whether or not this Act incorporating the proposed Town shall become effective, and also notifying them of the qualifications for voting, and that, in order for them to vote, it be necessary for all voters to register at a place and on dates named therein, and such registration shall be conducted by the said Committee named herein in conformity with the provisions of the Charter enacted by this Act.

The said Judges of Election shall attend at said times and places and register all qualified persons who present themselves. The said Judges shall have power to administer oaths to all applicants for registration, and any person who swears falsely before any of said judges shall be guilty of the crime of perjury and subject to the penalties provided by the Code of Public General Election Laws of Maryland for such offenses. The ballots shall have printed on one line the words "For Incorporation" and on the second line the words "Against Incorporation" with a place opposite each for the "X" mark of the voter.

Said election shall be conducted as nearly as practicable as elections for county officers under the Code of Public General Laws of this State and upon closing the polls the said Committee shall canvass the votes and announce publicly the result thereof. In the event that the majority of the votes cast are for incorporation, this Act shall immediately become effective, but in the event that a majority of the votes cast are against incorporation, this Act shall be null and void.

The Committee shall certify the results of this referendum election to the Secretary of State of Maryland.

SEC. 27. *And be it further enacted*, That if this Act is adopted under the referendum election provided for in Section 26, then the same committee, with the same powers as are vested in them therein, and with the same authority and right to compensation as are provided for by the Charter enacted by this Act, shall, on or before the first Monday in July, 1945, conduct the first election of the officers therein provided for and said first election shall be conducted as nearly as practicable as provided for elections in said Charter.

SEC. 28. *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 by ye and nay vote, supported by three-