

820. On the first Monday of March, 1941, and on the first Monday of March of every two years thereafter, an election shall be held for the purpose of electing officers of the said corporation. All citizens of Williamsport 21 years of age, or over, who shall have continuously resided within the corporate limits of said town for at least 6 months next preceding the election and who have been residents of the State of Maryland for at least one year shall be entitled to register their names on the registration books of the town and to vote at said election. All citizens of Williamsport twenty-one years of age who are registered voters and who have, during the year immediately preceding any election, been assessed and paid taxes on real or personal property in said town, and who shall not be in arrears for taxes to said corporation at the time of said election, shall be eligible to hold any of the offices hereinafter provided for. At the election to be held on the first Monday in March, 1943, and every four years thereafter, there shall be elected three Councilmen, whose term of office shall be for four years or until their successors are duly qualified, and at the election to be held on the first Monday in March, 1941, and every four years thereafter, there shall be elected a Mayor, Assistant Mayor and two Councilmen, whose term of office shall be for four years, or until their successors are duly qualified. All elections shall be held at such hours and conducted according to such regulations as shall from time to time be prescribed by the by-laws and ordinances of the corporation and not inconsistent with this charter, and all persons so elected in pursuance of this section shall hold over in office until their successors shall have qualified, which must be done within ten days from the date of their election. Before entering their respective offices, the Mayor-elect shall qualify before the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Washington County as to a faithful discharge of duties, in accordance with the provisions of this charter and ordinances made in pursuance thereof, and shall then be authorized to qualify the remaining members-elect and officers of the Council to the same effect.

SEC. 2. *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 yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all 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.

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