in said ballot boxes after the hour of nine o'clock P. M. on said election day.

In the event of the majority of said votes cast being in favor of the annexation of the territory herein described to the City of Hyattsville, said territory shall be annexed to and become a part of said City of Hyattsville on July 1, 1945.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act is an emergency Act and necessary to the preservation of the public health and safety of the citizens of the territory hereby annexed to the City of Hyattsville, and of the State of Maryland, and three-fifths of the members of both Houses upon a yea and nay vote having concurred therein, it is declared to be an emergency Act and as such to take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 5, 1945.

CHAPTER 560.

(House Bill 234)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 101 of Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland (1943 Supplement), title "Revenue and Taxes", sub-title "Insurance Taxes", as enacted by Chapter 906 of the Acts of 1941, defining what are insurance companies subject to the payment of premium taxes, and repealing the exemption of domestic mutual fire insurance companies from the payment of such taxes.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 101 of Article 81, of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland (1943 Supplement), title "Revenue and Taxes", sub-title "Insurance Taxes", as enacted by Chapter 906 of the Acts of 1941, be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

101. (Definitions.) As used in the sub-title:

(1) The phrase "insurance company" means (a) every person engaged as principal in the business of writing insurance, surety, guaranty or annuity contracts (except non-profit hospital service plan corporations and fraternal beneficiary associations), and includes mutual insurance companies, title insurance companies and credit indemnity companies, and (b) attorneys-in-fact for reciprocal exchanges or inter-insurers.