

terms for Commissioners” and “Against two-year terms for Commissioners”, with squares opposite each for voters to indicate choice.

On the closing of the polls, the ballots shall be counted and canvassed in the usual manner, and the persons or officials making said canvass shall publicly announce the result of said canvass. In the event that a majority of the votes cast are “For Two-Year Terms for Commissioners,” and “For Town Manager”, this Act shall immediately become effective, and in the event a majority of said votes are “Against Two-Year Terms for Commissioners,” or “Against Town Manager,” this Act shall be null and void and of no effect whatsoever.

Approved April 29, 1949.

CHAPTER 446

(Senate Bill 235)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 85B of Article 16 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title “Chancery,” sub-title “Adoption,” relating to courts having jurisdiction over adoption cases.

SECTION 1. *Beit enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 85B of Article 16 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title “Chancery,” sub-title “Adoption,” be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

85B. (Jurisdiction and Venue.) The Circuit Courts of the several counties of this State, sitting in equity, and any court of Baltimore City having equity jurisdiction, shall have jurisdiction of all petitions for adoption under this sub-title. Any such petition may be filed in the county, or in Baltimore City, as the case may be, in which (1) the petitioner or petitioners have their domicile; or (2) the person to be adopted is domiciled; or (3) any lawfully licensed child placement agency, having legal or physical care, custody or control of the person to be adopted is located; or (4) such petition may be filed in any court having equity jurisdiction which had prior to the filing of the petition for adoption assumed a continuing jurisdiction over the custody of the person to be adopted. Provided, however, except in (4) above no such petition shall