

CHAPTER 117

(Senate Bill 276)

AN ACT to repeal Sections 227 to 478 (A) of Article 22 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Washington County," sub-title "Hagerstown," and all additions and amendments thereto, the same comprising the corporate charter of the city of Hagerstown and to enact in lieu thereof 111 new sections to stand in the place and stead of the sections so repealed and to constitute the municipal charter of the city of Hagerstown, establishing a form of municipal government and relating generally to the government, powers and duties of the city of Hagerstown and submitting this Act to a referendum of the voters of said city.

SECTION 1. *Beit enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 227 to 478 (A) of Article 22 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Washington County," sub-title "Hagerstown," be and the same are hereby repealed and that 111 new sections be and the same are hereby enacted in lieu thereof to stand in the place and stead of the sections so repealed and all to read as follows:

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INCORPORATION AND GENERAL
GOVERNMENT

1. The inhabitants of Hagerstown, in Washington County, Maryland, are created a corporation by the name of "The City of Hagerstown", and by that name shall have perpetual succession; may sue and be sued; may have and use a common seal, and possess such other incidents and powers as attached by law to a municipal corporation, and may acquire by purchase, gift, condemnation, or in any other lawful manner, real, personal and mixed property, and also any rights or interest therein, which in the opinion of the Council it may be advisable to so acquire for municipal purposes, provided, however, that the Mayor and Council shall not expend for the acquisition of property for any one purpose an amount in excess of \$100,000.00 without the approval of the majority of voters of the City of Hagerstown voting thereon given upon referendum at a General or Special election of the voters of the City of Hagerstown, and, provided, that unless otherwise stipu-