

a special election in the affected territory and empowering the Mayor and Aldermen of Annapolis to enact necessary legislation in accordance with the Commission's recommendations.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That there is hereby created a body to be known as the Annapolis Annexation Charter Commission to be composed of nine registered voters of Anne Arundel County. Four members shall be residents of Annapolis and shall be appointed by the Mayor and Aldermen of Annapolis; four member shall be residents of the metropolitan area adjacent to Annapolis and shall be appointed by the County Commissioners of Anne Arundel County; and the ninth member shall be a resident of Anne Arundel County who does not reside in either Annapolis or in the metropolitan area adjacent thereto, and shall be chosen by the Commission to act as their Chairman.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That upon the appointment and organization of said Commission, it shall forthwith proceed to make a study of the territory adjacent to the City of Annapolis and determine, by a majority vote, the area proposed to be annexed. Said area shall then be divided into wards of approximately the same area and population density as are now established in the City of Annapolis. Any new ward or wards shall be entitled to be represented by two Aldermen in the same manner as the existing Mayor and Aldermen of Annapolis is now constituted, and shall be entitled to sit as Aldermen and receive the same compensation as is now provided.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the Commission shall make a study of the assessable basis of the area to be annexed; the local obligations outstanding of said area; the increase in cost of providing city services in said area, the possible effect on the City tax rate, and any other financial problems which may be presented to the Commission. It shall then make its recommendations to the Mayor and Aldermen of Annapolis. The said Mayor and Aldermen shall then enact such ordinances as may be deemed advisable. Said ordinances shall embrace the proposed City services in the new area, the proposed City tax rate and such other and further legislation as may be deemed necessary or advisable in the event the annexation is consummated. The Mayor and Aldermen shall also provide a sum sufficient to pay the costs of a special election to be held in the area to be annexed, and shall ordain that said area