

Act that the said existing Civil Service Commission shall become the Civil Service Commission established by this Act, with the individual members thereof to have the tenure provided by their original appointments.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That those employees in the service of the City covered by civil service provisions prior to the enactment of this Act shall be continued as a part of the Classified Service established by this Act, in the same or a comparable position. All future appointments to the Classified Service shall be made as provided in this Act.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That nothing in this Act shall be construed as changing or interrupting the tenure of the Mayor or of any Councilman. The Mayor and each Councilman shall continue to have their respective titles, but shall have only the powers, duties and responsibilities provided in this Act.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That before this Act shall become effective the question shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the City at a special election to be provided for by the Board of Election Supervisors of Allegany County on the first Tuesday in June, 1949. There shall be placed on the official ballots, or on the voting machines if such are used, the words "For New Charter" and the words "Against New Charter", with suitable provision for the voter to indicate his choice. If a majority of the qualified votes cast on said question shall be cast "For New Charter" this Act shall become effective on the first Tuesday in September, 1949. If a majority of the qualified votes cast on said question shall be cast "Against New Charter", this Act shall not become effective and shall be wholly null and void.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and having been passed by a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all of 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.

Approved May 6, 1949.

CHAPTER 703
(House Bill 130)

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Public Edu-