

sum not exceeding Five Hundred (\$500.00), to be recovered as other fines in this State, one-half of which shall go to the State, and the other half to the City of Hagerstown, as now provided by law.

104. It is made the special duty of the judge or judges of the courts having criminal jurisdiction in the City of Hagerstown, to especially charge the grand juries of said courts upon the execution of the three preceding sections; and the police authorities of said City are especially charged with the execution thereof, and to that end shall direct nightly examinations by some of their officers, of all such places.

XII

AMENDMENTS

105. Amendments to this Charter may be made by proposal and approval within the City of Hagerstown as hereinafter provided, and such amendments shall have the same force of law as if they had been enacted by the Legislature of the State of Maryland. The word "Amendments", as used in this and the following sections, shall include alterations and additions.

106. Amendments may be proposed by a majority vote of all the members of the City Council. The Mayor shall not have the power to veto an amendment ordinance. The ordinance proposing an amendment shall provide for an expression of the will of the qualified voters at a special or the next succeeding general election. Special charter amendment elections shall be administered as other elections. Charter amendments shall enact a new section or sections, or they shall repeal a section or sections of the Charter and re-enact the same as amended.

107. Amendments to the Charter may be proposed by petition signed by a number of qualified voters of Hagerstown equal to ten per cent of those voting for candidates for the office of Mayor at the last preceding regular City election. Such petition shall contain the street address of each signer and shall be presented to the Mayor, who shall authenticate its signers and make public announcement to the effect that the signatures are authentic, or are not authentic, within thirty days from the time of receiving such petition. If the Mayor refuses to authenticate the signatures on such petition, he shall make public his specific reasons for so doing and he shall explain how the defects in the petition can be remedied.