

results thereof, and file their returns with the Town Clerk as soon as practicable after he or she has been appointed and qualified. The candidates for Mayor and Treasurer receiving the largest number of votes in the town respectively, and the candidate for Councilman from each ward receiving the largest number of votes from that particular ward for the term for which he was nominated, whether one or two year term, shall be declared by said Committee to be duly elected to the respective offices, and upon their taking the oath of office they shall become the Mayor and Town Council for said town. In case this Act should not be approved by the Governor before the second Wednesday in April, 1949, the said Committee shall change the dates fixed in this and the preceding section to approximately one month later, on which changed dates they shall perform the enumerated duties. Should the Governor approve this bill on or before the third Wednesday in March, said Committee may, in their discretion, hold the above election at correspondingly earlier dates as may seem to them appropriate.

In case of a tie the remaining members of the Mayor and Town Council shall order a new election for that particular office as in this Act provided for.

The Mayor and Town Council may make their first tax levy of not to exceed fifty cents on each \$100.00 of assessed valuation, on or before June 25, in the first year of incorporation, for the partial tax year ending December 31, in the first year of incorporation, which taxes shall be due on July 1, in the first year of incorporation, and shall become delinquent and bear interest at the same time as provided for town taxes generally in this Act.

SEC. 34. That should any section, sections, or part or parts of a section of this Act be held invalid for any reason whatever, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any remaining section or part of a section of this Act, it being the legislative intent that the remainder of this Act shall stand and would have been passed notwithstanding such invalidity or elimination of any portion or portions hereof.

SEC. 35. That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and being passed by a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all 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 March 31, 1949.