

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sections 166 and 167 of Article 9 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Charles County", sub-title "La Plata", as said sections were amended by Chapter 575 of the Acts of 1943, be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

166. The citizens of said town of La Plata having the qualification prescribed for voters by the laws of this State, and having resided in said town three months previous to any municipal election, shall on the first Monday in May, 1943, and biennially thereafter elect three citizens, taxpayers of the said town of La Plata, who are assessed on the tax books of Charles County as owning five hundred dollars' worth of property within the corporate limits of said town of La Plata, who shall have resided in said town for six months next preceding said election, as the Town Commissioners of La Plata, to serve for two years, or until their successors shall be elected and qualified. Said Town Commissioners shall receive One Hundred and Twenty Dollars (\$120.00) each per annum for their services as such, and they shall continue to reside in said town of La Plata during their term of office.

167. (a) The Town Commissioners shall on or before the first Monday in April, 1943, and biennially thereafter, give notice by hand bills posted in conspicuous places in said town of La Plata or by publication in some newspaper or newspapers published in said town or by both hand bills posted as aforesaid and by publication as aforesaid of the election to be held for Town Commissioners of La Plata in that year, naming the house or place to be selected by them at which said election shall be held, and the hours the polls shall be open and closed respectively, and they shall, at least ten days before such election, appoint two persons as judges, who shall conduct the election; the polls shall be opened at 2 o'clock P. M. and closed at 6 o'clock P. M. If any of such judges of election shall refuse or decline or be unable to act as such the Town Commissioners shall fill the vacancy.

(b) Should any of such judges fail to appear at the time and place for opening the polls and holding the election the remaining judge or judges shall fill the vacancy; the said judges shall serve without pay and shall promptly make their returns and without unreasonable delay to the Town Commissioners certifying and declaring what persons shall have been elected Town Commissioners of La Plata at said election, and the Town Commissioners to whom such returns are made shall determine all questions arising upon said returns, and shall cause the said certificate and declarations of the said