

being Article 1A of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "City of Cumberland", sub-title "Elections", changing the date from which the Mayor and City Councilmen shall hold office from the first Monday in April next succeeding their election to the first Monday in July next succeeding their election; PROVIDING THAT SAID CHANGE SHALL NOT AFFECT THE TIME AT WHICH THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCILMEN ELECTED IN THE YEAR 1952 SHALL TAKE OFFICE AND THAT SAID CHANGE SHALL BE EFFECTIVE FROM AND AFTER THE YEAR 1954.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 12 of the Charter of the City of Cumberland (1950 Edition, being Article 1A of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "City of Cumberland", sub-title, "Elections", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

12. The Mayor shall not be less than thirty years of age, and each of the said four Councilmen shall not be less than twenty-five years of age at the time of their election; they shall each of them be citizens of the United States and for five years immediately preceding their election residents of the City of Cumberland. The said Mayor and City Councilmen shall hold office for a period of two years from the first Monday in **[April]** *July* next succeeding their election and until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified.

SEC. 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, THAT NOTHING IN THIS ACT SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO AFFECT THE TIME AT WHICH THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCILMEN ELECTED IN THE YEAR 1952 SHALL TAKE OFFICE. SAID MAYOR AND CITY COUNCILMEN SHALL TAKE OFFICE IN THE YEAR 1952 AS IF THIS ACT HAD NOT BEEN PASSED. THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCILMEN SO ELECTED IN THE YEAR 1952 SHALL BE ELECTED FOR TERMS TO EXPIRE ON THE FIRST MONDAY IN JULY, 1954, OR UNTIL THEIR SUCCESSORS SHALL HAVE BEEN DULY ELECTED AND QUALIFIED. THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCILMEN ELECTED DURING THE YEAR 1954 SHALL HOLD OFFICE FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS FROM THE FIRST MONDAY IN JULY, 1954, AS PROVIDED HEREINABOVE IN THIS ACT.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1951.

Approved April 27, 1951.