

ter set out in Chapter 341 of the Laws of 1947 of the General Assembly of Maryland.

*A qualified resident in the proposed annexed area for the purpose of signing the petition aforesaid shall be a citizen of the United States, at least 21 years of age, who is a resident of said proposed annexed area, and has resided therein for at least three months.*

*A qualified voter in the proposed annexed area for the purpose of said referendum and for no other purpose shall be a person who is a qualified resident as defined in the previous sentence and registers in accordance with the provisions herein set out.*

*For the purpose of conducting said referendum election the Mayor, upon the recommendation of the Town Council, shall appoint a Town Supervisor of Election at Large, a committee of three in each of the existing wards of the Town at the time of the referendum election, and in the proposed annexed area, which shall act as a Board of Election Supervisors in their respective wards and proposed annexed area. All said election officials shall have duties, powers and authority as is provided for Supervisors and Judges of Election in Chapter 341 of the Laws of 1947 of the General Assembly of Maryland. Said Mayor upon the recommendations of the Town Council, may appoint substitutes for said referendum election officials, if for any reason they are unable to serve.*

*The said election committees shall provide registration booths, ballot boxes or voting machines, tally sheets, printed ballots, places of registration and election in each ward and proposed annexed area.*

*Said referendum and registration shall be conducted as nearly as practicable as elections for Officers of the Town of Bladensburg. The election committees in each ward and in the proposed annexed area upon the closing of the polls shall canvass the votes and inform the Mayor of the Town.*

*The Mayor and Town Council before accepting the aforesaid referendum petition shall first find that there are at least 1,000 residents in the proposed annexed area as qualified aforesaid for the purpose of signing said petition proposing annexation, and in submitting the question of annexation shall designate the area as an independent ward with the same rights and privileges of wards existing as such in the Town of Bladensburg at the time of the referendum. Such rights and privileges include the right of electing its own councilmen and voting for the Mayor in accordance with Chapter 341 of the Laws of 1947 of the General Assembly of Maryland.*