

bers of the Committee are empowered to select some resident of the proposed city to fill his place.

The qualifications of voters in the referendum shall be the same as those set forth for elections of Mayor in the said charter.

It shall be the duty of the Board of Supervisors of Elections to provide a suitable place or places for voting and suitable ballot boxes and/or voting machines. The ballots and/or voting machines shall show on one line the words "FOR INCORPORATION" and on the second line the words "AGAINST INCORPORATION".

Within forty-eight hours after the closing of the polls the Board of Supervisors of Elections shall determine the vote cast for and against incorporation. If the majority of the votes cast are for incorporation, this Act shall immediately become effective, but if a majority of the votes cast are against incorporation, this Act shall be null and void. Within ten days after the referendum, the Board of Supervisors of Elections shall make a certificate stating the number of votes cast for and the number of votes cast against incorporation, and shall file the certificate with the Secretary of State of Maryland.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the Board of Supervisors of Elections provided for hereinbefore, with the same duties, powers, and authority vested in them, shall accept not later than October 15, 1953, the petitions of candidates for office in the first city election to be conducted in said city and that on the 2nd day in November, 1953, shall conduct the first election of the Mayor and five Councilmen provided for in the charter, and the first election shall be conducted as nearly as practicable as provided for in elections in the charter, and the officials elected at said election shall upon qualification assume the duties of their respective offices on the second Monday following their election.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1953.

Approved April 27, 1953.