

CHAPTER 294.

Passed Mar. 10, 1854. AN ACT to authorise the citizens of Newark, in Worcester county, to elect a police or patrol officer in said town.

Preamble. WHEREAS, it is represented that the town of Newark, in Worcester county, is nightly infested with gangs of negroes, to the great injury and annoyance of the peace and quiet of said town, and that there is no constable residing nearer than three miles of said town, and consequently cannot protect the citizens thereof from the great annoyance; Therefore,

Authority to elect patrol officer. SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the citizens of Newark, Worcester county, be, and they are hereby authorised to elect such police or patrol officer, who shall have full power to summons men to disperse such gatherings, and exercise all the patrol duties in said town that are discharged by the constables of the county.

To elect biennially. SEC. 2. And be it enacted, That the citizens of said town may, on the first Saturday of March and biennially thereafter, elect one police or patrol officer, to exercise the duties and privileges above named; and said officer shall receive such compensation for his services as the commissioners of said county may allow; said election to be held by one justice of the peace.

In force. SEC. 3. And be it enacted, That this act shall be in full force from and after the date of its passage.

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