

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the United States, ruling on the Constitutionality of this law, has ruled that it shall apply only to the elections for national office, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to this ruling by the Supreme Court, the several states, counties and municipalities are in the position of being required to establish and adopt their own legal qualifications for the registration of persons between the ages of eighteen and twenty-one years, provided they desire to legalize the voting privilege of this age group for their respective local elections, and

WHEREAS, the State of Maryland and Prince George's County have a residency qualification of six months, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council are desirous to conform the residency qualifications of the City with those of Prince George's County and the State of Maryland.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED and Ordained this 2nd day of February, 1971, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Mt. Rainier propose an amendment to the City Charter in accordance with the Home Rule Procedures of Article 23A of the "Annotated Code of Maryland", by amending Section 53-13 "Qualifications" to read as follows:

*Section 53-13. Qualifications.*

All citizens of the United States of the age of [twenty-one] *EIGHTEEN* years and over who shall have actually resided within the limits of said city not less than [365 days] *SIX MONTHS* next preceding any regular election for Councilmen, who have never been convicted of any infamous crime, shall be qualified voters of said city, and as such shall be entitled to register as hereinafter provided, and after such registration to vote at any election held in said city under the provisions of this sub-title, or under the provisions of any other Act requiring an election to be held in said city for any city purposes whatsoever, until they shall be thereafter disqualified by loss of citizenship, actual removal from said city or conviction for an infamous crime, and shall for such disqualification be stricken from the registration books hereinafter provided for.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the date of the adoption of this Resolution is February 2, 1971, and that the Amendment to the Charter of the City of Mt. Rainier, hereby proposed shall become effective March 25, 1971, unless a proper petition for referendum hereon shall be received in the City Office in accordance with law and a copy of the fair summary of this Resolution shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Mt. Rainier not less than four (4) times at weekly intervals before the 15th day of March, 1971.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as soon as the Charter Amendment hereby enacted shall become effective, either as herein provided or following a referendum, the Mayor of the City of Mt. Rainier shall send separately, by registered mail, to the Secretary of State of Maryland, to the Department of Legislative Reference, the following information concerning the Charter Amendment:

1. The complete text of the Resolution.
2. The date of referendum election, if any, held with respect thereto.
3. The number of votes cast for and against the question contained in the Charter Amendment.
4. The effective date of the Charter Amendment.