

MUNICIPAL CHARTERS

Introduced by Councilman William F. Eckman

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A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF LA PLATA, CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND WITH REGARD TO REGISTRATION, NOMINATIONS, AND ELECTIONS BY AMENDING EXISTING OR REPEALING AND ADDING NEW SECTIONS 23 THROUGH 39 OF THE CHARTER.

WHEREAS, recent court cases have indicated that current town voter qualifications are constitutionally invalid and whereas the model municipal charter promulgated in Article 23B of the Annotated Code of Maryland has been extensively changed as regards registration, nomination and election, the Town Charter should be amended and accordingly the old sections governing this subject are hereby amended.

SECTION I

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Town Council of The Town of La Plata, that current sections 23 through 39 of the Charter of the Town of La Plata, governing Registration, Nominations, Elections be amended as follows:

23. VOTERS

Every person who (a) is a citizen of the United States, (b) is at least [twenty-one] EIGHTEEN years of age, (c) has resided [in the State of Maryland for at least one year] WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN FOR 30 DAYS next preceding any Town election, and (d) [has resided within the corporate limits of the Town for six months next preceding any Town election, and (e)] is registered in accordance with the provisions of this Charter, shall be a qualified voter of the Town. Every qualified voter of the Town shall be entitled to vote at any or all Town elections.

Existing section 24 is repealed in its entirety and a new section 24 as quoted below is to be substituted therefor.

24. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS.

THERE IS HEREBY CREATED A BOARD, TO BE KNOWN AS THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS SHALL EITHER BE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE TOWN OR THE DULY APPOINTED CLERK-TREASURER AND SHALL NOT HOLD OR BE CANDIDATES FOR ANY ELECTIVE OFFICE DURING THEIR TERM OF OFFICE. THE BOARD SHALL