

before any special election can be held.

There is no primary election provided for; only a general election will be held in the election of the Commissioners.

The Commissioners have the power to borrow unlimited sums of money, but must provide for repayment thereof within five (5) years.

There is no merit system or classified service provided for town employees.

The St. Michaels Utilities Commission is created, consisting of three (3) registered voters in the town, who shall be appointed by The Commissioners of St. Michaels, each to serve for a three (3) year term and the terms to be staggered, officers to be appointed by the Utilities Commission, with power by the Utilities Commission to conduct its own operation subject to the approval by The Commissioners of St. Michaels for expenditures which exceed certain dollar limits. Certain investment reserves are provided for much as were provided for in the old charter, again with controls being exercised by The Commissioners of St. Michaels.

As required by changes in State law, there will no longer be any property ownership requirement to vote or run for office; a person over the age of eighteen (18) years who has been a bona fide resident of the town for six (6) months and who is registered to vote is a qualified voter; a person over the age of eighteen (18) years who has been a bona fide resident of the town for one (1) year and who is a qualified voter may run for office.

Complete copies of the proposed charter are available in the Town Office. The proposed charter was adopted by The Commissioners of St. Michaels at its regular monthly meeting held on January 8, 1980, and the Charter will become effective on February 27, 1980, unless on or before February 17, 1980, there shall be presented to The Commissioners of St. Michaels, or mailed to The Commissioners of St. Michaels by Registered Mail, a petition signed by twenty percent (20%) or more of the qualified voters of the town requesting that the proposed charter be submitted on referendum to the voters of the town. Each person signing any such petition shall indicate thereon both his name and residence address.

[The Charter of the Town of St. Michaels, Talbot County, repealed and added.