

number of signatures to said petition shall not be less than one hundred, but said signatures need not all be appended to one paper.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and the same having been passed upon a ye and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all members elect of each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved February 12, 1931.

CHAPTER 3.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Section 822 of Article 22 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Washington County," sub-title "Williamsport," for the purpose of extending the term of the present Burgess of the Burgess and Commissioners of Williamsport, designated to fill the unexpired term of Ex-Burgess William D. Byron, resigned, to the first Monday of March, 1932, or until the successor of said Ex-Burgess shall have been duly qualified, and providing that there shall be no election for the office of Burgess in the year 1931, as would have been held under said Section 822 of Article 22.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 822 of Article 22 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Washington County," sub-title "Williamsport," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments, to read as follows:

822. If any of the officers elected as aforesaid shall die, resign, remove from said town of Williamsport or be otherwise disqualified or displaced before the expiration of the term for which he was elected, then the remaining officers shall have the power to fill the vacancy by appointment, the person so appointed to hold office until the next annual election at which a person shall be elected to serve the unexpired portion of the term, except that the office of the present Burgess appointed to fill the unexpired portion of the term of Ex-Burgess William D. Byron, resigned, be not subject to an election on the first Monday of March, 1931, and that his term be extended and made to last until the first