

office to be filled by an election to be participated in by the voters of the entire cities of Annapolis, Frederick, Cumberland, or Hagerstown, and not less than five hundred for nominations for all other elections, except that when the nomination is for the office of Alderman of the City of Annapolis the number of signatures so required shall be two hundred, and provided also, that the said signatures need not all be appended to one paper, but if the signatures be appended to more than one paper, all such papers must be fastened together and filed as one certificate. Each signer shall append to his signature his residence, occupation, the precinct or district where he is registered as a voter, and his place of business, and immediately below the signature of any such signer there shall be either printed or typed, the name of the signer. Every such paper shall be accompanied by an affidavit or affidavits made before a justice of the peace, notary public or other officer authorized to take oaths under the laws of this State, by one or more persons known personally to the justice, notary public or other officer, and so certified by him and signed by the affiant or affiants to the effect that the signers are known to such affiant or affiants to be registered voters of the district or precinct as set forth in said petition, and that the said affiant or affiants personally saw the signers, in regard to whom he or they make oaths sign such paper and any wilfully false statement in such affidavit or affidavits or affirmation shall be deemed a misdemeanor and shall subject the person making the same to the fines and penalties prescribed by the law of this State for the crime of perjury. No person who has been a candidate for nomination by a political party at the primary elections preceding a general election shall be nominated for an office to be filled at such general election in the manner prescribed by this section.

SEC. 2. *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 having been passed upon by yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly of Maryland, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 23, 1945.

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CHAPTER 678.

(House Bill 597)

AN ACT to authorize the County Commissioners of Allegany County to contribute to the Board of Governors of the