

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That in the event that any part of this Act should be found to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining parts of this Act shall continue in full force and effect.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1949.

Approved May 6, 1949.

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## CHAPTER 734

(House Bill 479)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 85 of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Elections", sub-title "Elections", relating to the use of voting machines in Harford County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 85 of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Elections", sub-title "Elections", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

85. (a) The Boards of Supervisors of Elections of Baltimore City and of the respective counties shall have power to use voting machines in all elections, general, primary and special, in accordance with the provisions of this Article and under such rules and regulations as said Boards may deem advisable or necessary. The said Boards, with the approval of, and upon such terms as may be agreed to by, the County Commissioners of their respective counties or the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City, as the case may be, may purchase, rent, lease or otherwise acquire such number of voting machines as may be required to equip any or all of the polling places in said city or county, as the case may be, and may determine which precincts shall be first equipped therewith; in the event of the leasing, rental or other acquisition of such machines, they shall be exempt from State, county or municipal taxation. In the precincts in which voting machines are used, the conduct of all elections, general, primary or special, shall be as hereafter provided in Sections 87 to 97, inclusive, of this Article, instead of as provided in Sections 71 to 81, inclusive, except as specifically therein stated; provided, however, that in the event that the number of names or the number of questions submitted for vote at any election