

be held on the first Monday in May, 1912, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to prepare such ballots, provide such places and to do other things necessary for the holding of the election for the ratification of this charter and for the election of town officers after the election held for the purpose of ratification of this charter, the judges and clerks aforesaid, after a canvass of the vote shall publicly *announce* the votes cast on the question, and if there be a majority of votes cast for the ratification of this charter it shall be in full force and effect, if the majority of the votes are found to be against this charter, it shall be voted on again as provided for in section 21. If the said charter is adopted and the election provided for on the first Monday in May is held for the election of Mayor and for councilman, the candidate for Mayor receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected Mayor and the six candidates receiving the largest number of votes for councilman shall be declared elected.

SEC. 23. All State and county officers shall have, hold and exercise their offices in said town as heretofore, except as limited by the other sections of this act.

SEC. 24. Amendment to this charter shall not be made unless a petition for such amendment be signed by one-half as many legal voters as voted in said town on the last regular election.

SEC. 25. This act is hereby declared to be a public act, and may be used in evidence in all the Courts of this State without proff.

SEC. 26. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with any of the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 27. This act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 8, 1912.

CHAPTER 402.

AN ACT to propose an amendment to Article 3 of the Constitution of this State by adding a new section, to be known as 40A; and to provide for the submission of said amendment to the qualified voters of this State for adoption or rejection.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, (three-fifths of all the members of each of the two Houses*