

CHAPTER 339.

AN ACT to enable the qualified voters of the various election districts of Washington county to determine by ballot whether spirituous or fermented liquors shall be sold in the various election districts of said county.

Question submitted. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the question of whether or not any person or persons, or any corporation, may be licensed to sell spirituous or fermented liquors in any of the election districts of Washington county, shall be submitted to the registered qualified voters of the various election districts of said county, at the election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November next, in the year eighteen hundred and eighty, in each election district of said county; and that ballots for or against such sale shall have printed or written on them the words "for the sale of spirituous or fermented liquors," or "against the sale of spirituous or fermented liquors," and that the ballots so cast shall be carefully counted by the judges of said election, who shall, within three days thereafter, make a written return of the vote to the clerk of the Circuit Court of Washington county, and said clerk shall record said returns among the records of his office; and if it shall appear that either one of said election districts shall have cast a majority of votes against the sale of spirituous or fermented liquors, then the clerk of said court shall prepare a certificate proclaiming the result of such election in said districts, and cause said certificate to be published once in each newspaper published in said county.

Ballots—how prepared.

Majority to decide.

When unlawful SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That if it shall appear by the returns of said judges of elections and certificate of the clerk of said court, that a majority of the votes in any of the election districts of said county has been cast against the sale of spirituous or fermented liquors, then it shall not be lawful for any person or persons, or body corporate, to sell directly or indirectly at any place, or to give away at his, her