

known as Section 28A, such Section 28A to provide means for determining the sense of the registered voters in sections of Anne Arundel County directly adjacent to the City of Annapolis as to whether or not the sections in which such voters reside shall become a part of the City of Annapolis, and providing for the annexing of sections in which the majority of the registered voters approve of such annexation.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a section be added to Article 2 of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Anne Arundel County," sub-title "Annapolis," to follow immediately Section 28, to be designated Section 28A and to read as follows:

Section 28A. Whenever twenty per cent or more of the registered voters residing in any area of Anne Arundel County directly adjacent to the City of Annapolis, but not a part of the same shall petition the Mayor, Counselor and Aldermen of the City of Annapolis to hold a special election to determine whether or not such area shall become a part of the City of Annapolis, the said petition to set out definitely the limits of such area, the said Mayor, Counselor and Aldermen of the City of Annapolis is authorized in its discretion to make provision to determine the sense of the majority of the registered voters of such area on the question of whether or not such area shall become a part of the City of Annapolis. The Mayor, Counselor and Aldermen of the City of Annapolis shall conduct said election and bear all the expenses of the same, but such election shall be held at some convenient place in the area proposed to be annexed, and officials of such elections shall be appointed from registered voters of such area, representation being given to any of such voters who may be opposed to the proposal to annex to the City of Annapolis. If the registered voters of any area reject the proposal to annex to the City of Annapolis, the question of annexation of any area including any portion of such area which has been voted upon shall be included in any area made the subject of a determination under this law within two years from the date of the first election unless forty per cent of the registered voters of a section to be voted upon so petition. If the registered voters in any area in which the question of annexing to the City of Annapolis is submitted under this section declare by a majority vote that they wish such area to become a part of the area included within the boundaries of the City of Annapolis, the Mayor, Counselor and Aldermen of the City of Annapolis shall assume jurisdiction