AN ACT to amend and reenact section two, article two, chapter eight-a of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as enacted by chapter fifty-six, acts of the Legislature, regular session, one thousand nine hundred thirty-seven, relating to the initiation of proceedings for the framing of charters of municipalities in the state by permitting the governing bodies thereof to call elections.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section two, article two, chapter eight-a of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as enacted by chapter fifty-six, acts of the Legislature, regular session, one thousand nine hundred thirty-seven, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:


Section 2. Initiation of Proceedings for Framing a Charter.—The governing body of a city may provide by
ordinance for the submission to the voters of the city at any general election or at a regular or a special municipal election of the question, "Shall a charter be framed by representatives of the voters?": Provided, however, That the governing body of a city may not, without the petition of the voters, as hereinafter set forth, submit the same question to the voters more than once in any two year period after the effective date of this act.

The governing body of a city shall, upon petition bearing the signatures, written in their own handwriting, of voters of the city equal in number to fifteen per centum, if a class I or class II city, and ten per centum, if a class III city, of the total registration of voters therein, or if there be no registration of voters then a like per centum of duly qualified voters for the last preceding general election, provide by ordinance for the submission to the voters of the city at any general election or at a regular municipal election of the question, "Shall a charter be framed by representatives of the voters?"

The governing body of a city shall provide by ordinance for a special election on said question if a petition bearing
the signatures in their own handwriting of voters of the
city equal in number to fifteen per centum, if a class I or
class II city, and ten per centum if a class III city, of the
total registration of voters therein, or if there be no regis-
tration of voters then a like per centum of duly qualified
voters for the last preceding general election, expressly
requesting that a special election be called for the pur-
pose, be presented to the governing body more than one
hundred twenty days prior to the date of the next regular
municipal election.

Any special election under this section shall be held not
less than thirty nor more than sixty days after the ordi-
nance shall have been adopted, or the petition shall have
been presented to the governing body.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Forest L. McNeer  
Chairman Senate Committee

RL Matthews  
Chairman House Committee

We hereby certify that the foregoing bill, originating in the House of Delegates, takes effect from passage.

Thomas Myers  
Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

Arnold M. Vickers  
President of the Senate

John E. Amos  
Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 27th day of June, 1947.

Governor.

Filed in the Office of the Secretary of State of West Virginia on Jun 27, 1947

WM. S. O'Brien,  
Secretary of State