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AN ACT TO REPEAL THE ACT CREATING THE
COMMONWEALTH DISTRICT OF MONROVIA AND
TO CREATE IN LIEU THEREOF THE CITY OF
MONROVIA, COUNTY OF MONTSERRADO AND
TO GRANT IT A CHARTER

It is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature Assembled:

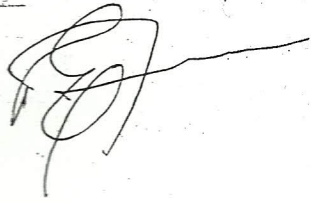
Section 1. The Act approved February 8, 1922 entitled "AN ACT
TO CREATE THE AREA KNOWN AS THE CITY OF MONROVIA A COMMONWEALTH
DISTRICT" be and the same is hereby repealed.

Section 2. From and immediately after the passage of this
Act, the Commonwealth District of Monrovia, within Montserrado
County, Republic of Liberia, be and is hereby created a body
politic and corporate under the name and style of the City of
Monrovia, and in such name it may sue and be sued, plead and be
impleaded, and do all other acts that are usually done by simi-
lar bodies corporate.

Section 3. The chartered officers of the Municipal Govern-
ment shall consist of a Mayor and a Common Council composed of
eleven members, one of whom shall be elected by the said Council
as its Chairman. The chartered officers must be citizens of
Liberia not less than eighteen years old and must be residents
of said City for at least one calendar year and must own real pro-
perty to the value of not less than \$1,000.00 (One Thousand Dollars)
within said City.

Section 4. The City of Monrovia shall have jurisdiction with-
in its corporate bounds; the corporate bounds shall be the same
area which comprised the bounds of the Commonwealth District, and
in case it should be necessary to execute lawful process without
the bounds of said City, then and in that case, any Justice of the
Peace within the County may issue judicial process on representa-
tion of any City Officer being made to him, and the same may be
executed by any constable of said County.

Section 5. The City of Monrovia shall have full power and
authority to make and fulfill contracts, take and hold real and
personal estate to the value of ten million dollars. Subject to
the approval of the President, it shall pass all necessary muni-
cipal laws and ordinances and levy all such taxes as may be
necessary for City purposes; and shall perform all other necessary
acts not incompatible with the general laws of this Republic.


Section 6. The Mayor and Councilmen shall hold their offices for a period of four years and their election shall be held quadrennially on the third Tuesday in October. The Inauguration of the Mayor-Elect shall be held on the third Monday in February of the year following the election.

Section 7. Vacancies in the Common Council shall be filled by special or by-election to be called by the President in the case of death, removal or resignation of the Mayor or a Councilman; and in the case of death, removal or resignation of the Mayor, the Chairman of the Common Council shall take over as Acting Mayor until a new Mayor has been duly elected and inaugurated.

Section 8. There shall be a City Court which shall be composed of a Magistrate, a Clerk and a Seal and two Associate Magistrates to serve in cases of venue and petty larceny and shall try and determine all causes in keeping with statute. The jurisdiction of the City Court, shall be limited to that of a Magisterial Court. The Magistrate shall, within the precinct of the City, exercise the functions of a magistrate in all offences occurring in the jurisdiction of the City, and appeal from the said Court shall be to the Circuit Court of Montserrado County. The said Court shall by its Clerk, keep detailed reports of all matters and things which shall come before it in a book or record provided for that purpose.

Section 9. The fiscal year for the administration of the City of Monrovia shall run from January to December of each year.

Section 10. This Act shall take effect immediately upon publication in hand-bills.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved July 19, 1973.

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