

TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF VIRGINIA.

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THE undersigned, citizens of—— respectfully petition your honorable body, during the present session, to effect the modifications of the license system, herein set forth, believing as we do that the present law is defective, in that, the county and corporation courts, are so invested with discretionary power, as to be able to license in opposition to the will of a majority of the voters of a county or corporation.

That ~~upon application of twenty five legal voters, of any county or corporation,~~ *in* a poll shall be opened, at *each* the next ensuing election of delegates to the General Assembly, for the purpose of recording the vote of the qualified voters in favor of, and against, the granting of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors by the county or corporation courts. If a majority vote negatively, said courts shall have no power to grant license, and if a majority vote affirmatively, it shall be in their discretion to grant or withhold. Said courts shall require of all persons obtaining license, under this act, bond and security, with adequate penalty that they will not sell intoxicating liquors to any minor, colored person or notorious drunkard, and shall on seeking renewal of such license, make oath that they have not sold to such persons, during the preceding year; and it shall be lawful to seize, confiscate and destroy, all liquors offered for sale in any county or corporation, where licenses have been refused in accordance with this act, unless said liquors are for medicinal, sacramental or mechanical purposes.

Your petitioners cannot doubt that these requests are entitled to, and will receive, your favorable consideration, and that your action will correspond with the importance of the subject and the will of the people.— And your petitioners will ever pray, &c.

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Petition of Citizens
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