

to prohibit the County Commissioners from contributing to the support of any Volunteer Fire Department unless it is inspected and approved yearly by the Board of Fire Commissioners.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sections 278 and 279 of Article 2 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Anne Arundel County", sub-title "Fire Commissioners", be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

278. A Board of Fire Commissioners consisting of three (3) members shall be appointed by the County Commissioners of Anne Arundel County. The members of this Board shall be appointed from a list of not less than three names for each vacancy, to be submitted by the Anne Arundel County Volunteer Firemen's Association for appointment. Only one member may be appointed from any one election district. The term of office for the members of said Board shall be for three years from date of appointment and until their successors have been appointed. The term of office of the members of the first Board appointed hereunder shall be one member each for a term of one, two and three years respectively, to be designated by the County Commissioners. The County Commissioners may remove any member at any time for cause after a hearing and in such event his successor shall be appointed for his unexpired term, in the manner hereinbefore set forth. For the faithful performance of their duties each member shall be paid annually the sum of one hundred dollars. The Board of Fire Commissioners shall have supervisory jurisdiction over the Fire Department chauffeurs. They are empowered to establish rules and regulations to govern the qualifications and duties of the fire chauffeurs, regulations governing vacations, and formation of new fire departments, subject to the approval of such rules and regulations by the County Commissioners. This Act shall not apply to the City of Annapolis.

279. The County Commissioners of Anne Arundel County shall not levy any sum for or contribute to the support of any Volunteer Fire Department unless the Volunteer Fire Department is inspected and approved by the Board of Fire Commissioners, yearly as to the minimum requirements. The minimum requirements for equipment shall be approved and adopted by the County Commissioners. The County Commissioners shall not levy any sum for or contribute to the support of any Volunteer Fire Department unless the same has been organized with the approval and on the recommendation of the