

said mortgage to the purchaser. If the owner of the mortgage does not reside in said county, the County Commissioners may direct the Treasurer of Dorchester county and Clerk to make inquiry as to the post office address of the same, and if learned, the County Commissioners may direct the said official to send a copy of the hereinbefore mentioned notice by registered letter. The mortgagee or his representative, the assignee or his representative, or other owner of the mortgage may file with the County Commissioners a statement, substantiated by his oath, that one or more bona fide payments have been made on the mortgage debt, and thereupon the County Commissioners may make such a rebate of the amount of the tax to be paid, according to the right and equity of the manner.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 11, 1910.

CHAPTER 659.

AN ACT to amend Section 10 of the Code of Public Local Laws of the State of Maryland, title "Dorchester County," sub-title "East New Market," by adding an additional section thereto, to follow immediately after Section 151, and to be known as Section 151A, said new section enlarging the powers of the Town Commissioners of East New Market in relation to the granting of franchises.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Article 10 of the Code of Public Local Laws of the State of Maryland, title "Dorchester County," sub-title "East New Market," be and the same is hereby amended by adding an additional section thereto, to follow immediately after Section 151, to be known as Section 151A, and to read as follows:

SEC. 151A. The Commissioners of East New Market shall have and are hereby vested with full power and authority to grant and regulate franchises to electric light companies, power companies, gas companies, telephone companies, telegraph companies, water companies and sewer or drain companies; provided, that all such franchises shall be for a definite period, not exceeding twenty-five years, and be renewable at the discretion of said Commissioners, and shall specially set out the nature, right and duration of the same, and no power or right not expressed in any such franchise shall pass thereunder.