

and 216G and 216H so as to provide for the appointment, qualification and term of service of persons employed in the Fire Department of Baltimore County, providing for their compensation and for the allowance of pensions to them and to their dependents and providing for the examination of persons desiring to become members of such department and for the protection of the property and apparatus of said department and for the prevention of interference with its members in the discharge of their duties.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 212 of Offutt's Code of the Public Local Laws of Baltimore County, published in 1916, title "Fire Department," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments so as to read as follows, that is to say :

SECTION 212. In establishing such department they shall provide all such proper fire engines and instruments, with sufficient equipments necessary therefor to be used for the preservation of property in said districts and they shall have the power and authority to employ all officers and employees necessary, in their judgment, to serve and use such fire apparatus for its intended purposes; and further, also to ordain all needful rules and regulations for the proper conduct of such officers and employees, and penalties for the infraction thereof; and they shall have authority to levy upon the assessable property of the county such tax as may be necessary to support and maintain said fire department and pay for the necessary fire engines, hose and apparatus.

SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the following additional sections to be known as Sections 212A, 212B, 212C, and 212D and 216A, 216B, 216C, 216D, 216E, 216F, 216G and 216H be added to the Code of Public Local Laws of Baltimore County and to read as follows, that is to say :

212A. There shall be a Board of Examiners for the Fire Department of Baltimore County composed of the President of the Board of County Commissioners of Baltimore County, the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department and the Secretary of the Board of Health for Baltimore County, who shall each serve without compensation in addition to that payable to them by law for the discharge of the duties of their respective offices. It shall be the duty of such examining board to as-