

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That before this Act shall become effective, the town of Cottage City and the Cottage City Commission shall submit the question of a special assessment to provide money for the maintenance, operation and care of the Cottage City Volunteer Fire Company to the qualified voters of said town at an election to be held in said town as hereinafter provided.

The date of said election shall be fixed by the town of Cottage City and the Cottage City Commission and notice thereof shall be given by advertisement in some newspaper published in Prince George's County, which has a circulation in the town of Cottage City, once a week for two successive weeks prior to said election, and also by posting notices of such election in at least two places within the limits of each ward in said town.

The ballots shall be prepared as ballots are prepared for a general town election and shall have printed thereon the words, "For a special assessment of 12 cents on each \$100.00 of real and personal property to be paid to the Cottage City Volunteer Fire Company for its exclusive use in the maintenance, operation, care and purchase of equipment," with a blank square opposite at the right of said words, and immediately thereunder shall be the following words, "Against a special assessment of 12 cents on each \$100.00 of real and personal property to be paid to the Cottage City Volunteer Fire Department for its exclusive use in the maintenance, operation, care and purchase of equipment," with a blank square opposite at the right of said words.

And in the event that said election shall be held at the same time that the regular town election is held, said words and blank squares shall be printed on the regular ballot for said election, and the officials in charge of said regular election shall act as officials for this election and said votes shall be canvassed at the same time and in the same manner as are the votes for the regular election.

And in the event that said election shall be held at some other time than a regular election, then the town of Cottage City and the Cottage City Commission shall appoint the necessary officers to conduct said election, and said election and the count and canvass of said ballots shall be conducted as provided in the town charter for all general town elections.

And in the event that said election shall be held at some time other than a regular election, the poll books showing the registered voters of said town last registered shall be used.