

tions were enacted by Chapter 62 of the Acts of 1931, authorizing an increase in the levy and payments to be made for the La Plata Volunteer Fire Department.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 84A and 84B of Article 9 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Charles County," sub-title "County Commissioners," as said sections were enacted by Chapter 62 of the Acts of 1931, be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

84A. The County Commissioners of Charles County are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to pay the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00), with the authority to pay an additional five hundred dollars (\$500.00), annually to the La Plata Volunteer Fire Department, so long as said fire department remains an active fire-fighting organization, for its benefit, said sum of money to be used by the said fire department for the purchase, repair and maintenance of fire-fighting equipment. The said payment shall be made on the first day of September in each and every year by the County Commissioners of Charles County.

84B. The County Commissioners of Charles County are hereby authorized, and empowered to levy the said sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) annually for the above purpose on the assessable property of said county. Before the County Commissioners shall be required to pay the aforesaid sum of money, the said Commissioners shall have the power to require of the officers of said fire department to appear before them and show to the satisfaction of said Commissioners that any sums of money paid by the said Commissioners to the said fire department under this Act have been expended for the purposes set forth in his Act, and also that said fire department is an active fire-fighting organization. In the event said fire department hereinbefore mentioned ceases to remain an active fire-fighting organization, or has not used the moneys appropriated to it for the sole purposes set forth in this Act, then this Act shall become null and void.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety,