

the purpose of the amendments and new enactments hereby made being to prescribe additional qualifications for voters in municipal elections in the said Town of Takoma Park; to provide for the election on the first Monday in May next of three councilmen in the said Town to serve for the term of one year; to authorize and direct the Mayor and Council of the said Town to take a Town census and to divide the said Town into wards and provide for changes in the boundaries of such wards to preserve the equality of population therein; to provide for the election of the Mayor and six councilmen of the said Town on the first Monday in May, 1936, and for the establishment of polling places in each ward; to provide for the nomination of the Mayor and councilmen in 1936 and thereafter; to provide for a general registration by wards prior to the election in 1936; to require the publication of a resume of the auditor's report and recommendations; to require bond or collateral security for deposits of Town funds in banking institutions; to prohibit the Mayor and members of the Council from being financially interested in contracts or other transactions in which the said Town is a party and to prevent the Mayor or any member of the Council so interested from participating in discussion or voting with respect thereto and to provide for punishment therefor; to authorize and direct the Mayor and Council of the said Town to levy a tax for fire protection in support of the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, Incorporated, and to require the Town Treasurer to pay over the proceeds of such tax to the said Department or its legal successor; to prescribe the purposes for which the proceeds of such tax shall be expended by the Department and to require the Department to submit to the Mayor and Council a report covering expenditures from the funds so paid over; to authorize and direct the County Commissioners of Montgomery County to levy and collect a special tax for fire protection within that portion of the Ninth Precinct of the 13th Election District lying outside the corporate limits of the said Town, and to pay the proceeds of said special tax to the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, Incorporated, or its legal successor; to authorize the semi-annual payment of Town taxes; and to authorize, empower and direct the Mayor and Council of the said Town to proceed with certain public improvements upon the petition of the property owners representing two-thirds of the assessable footage abutting such public improvements.

*(Vetoed.)*