

powered to collect the special assessment provided for in Section 1 hereof in the same manner and with the same penalties as is provided in the Charter of the Town of Colmar Manor for the collection of taxes on real and personal property.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That before this Act shall become effective the Mayor and Town Council of Colmar Manor shall submit the question of a special assessment to provide money to pay some volunteer fire company or companies for fire protection to the qualified voters of said Town at any election to be held in said Town as hereinafter provided.

The date of said election shall be fixed by the Mayor and Town Council and notice thereof shall be given by advertisement in some newspaper having a circulation in the Town of Colmar Manor once a week for two successive weeks prior to said election, and also by posting notices of such election at least a week before such election in at least two places within the limits of each ward in said Town.

A ballot shall be prepared as ballots are prepared for a general town election and shall have printed thereon the words: "For a special assessment of not to exceed ten cents on each one hundred dollars of real and personal property to be paid to some volunteer fire company, or companies, for fire protection" with a blank square opposite at the right of said words; and immediately thereunder shall be the following words: "Against a special assessment of not to exceed ten cents on each one hundred dollars of real and personal property to be paid to some volunteer fire company, or companies, for fire protection" with a blank square opposite at the right of said words.

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.

In the event that said election shall be held at some other time than a regular election, then the Mayor and Town Council 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.