

year, and thereafter their respective successors shall be elected for two-year terms.

305. The town of Cottage City, in Prince George's County, Maryland, a municipal corporation, and the Cottage City Commission is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to levy and collect annually a special assessment of not more than twelve cents on each one hundred dollars, based on the State and County Assessments, on all real and personal property situated within the town of Cottage City in Prince George's County, Maryland, the money derived from said special assessment to be paid to the Cottage City Volunteer Fire Company as long as it provides adequate fire protection to the residents and property within the corporate limits of the town of Cottage City, said money to be used by the said Cottage City Volunteer Fire Company for the exclusive use in its maintenance, operation, care and purchase of new equipment, a detailed statement of the expenditures of such money to be submitted to the Cottage City Commission by the Cottage City Volunteer Fire Company in the months of January and July of each year, the levy for said special assessment to be made before the first day of July of each year.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall be submitted to the qualified voters of Cottage City for adoption or rejection at the regular town election to be held on the first Monday in May, 1939, and shall not become effective unless approved by a majority of those voting thereon. There shall be printed on the regular ballots for said town election the words "For Amendment to Town Charter", with a blank or square to the right and directly opposite, and immediately thereunder the words "Against Amendment to Town Charter" and to the right and directly opposite a blank or square, so that every voter at said election may indicate his or her choice.

If at said election a majority of the votes cast for or against the amendment to the town charter shall be in favor of said amendment, then this Act shall be in full force and effect; but, if a majority of the votes cast thereon shall be against said amendment, then this Act shall be null and void and of no effect whatever.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and being passed upon a ye and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all of the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 26, 1939.