

tectural and engineering assistance incident thereto, for the acquisition of a site for said fire engine house, for the equipping of said fire engine house, and for the purchase of one modern fire truck and equipment pertaining thereto.

SEC. 2A. *And be it further enacted*, That the Mayor and City Council of Hyattsville may purchase a parcel of land within the corporate limits of said City of such size and at such location as said Mayor and City Council of Hyattsville may deem necessary as a site for said fire engine house, or, failing to agree with the owner or owners thereof, may condemn the same in fee simple by proceedings in the Circuit Court for Prince George's County in the manner provided in Article 33A of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland relating to Eminent Domain.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall not become effective unless and until it shall have been submitted to the qualified voters of the City of Hyattsville at a referendum conducted by the Mayor and City Council of Hyattsville at the regular election to be held in May 1949 or at a special referendum election to be held for such purpose within three (3) months after said regular election. Said referendum shall be conducted under the provisions of existing law for the election of City officers, and the manner of submission of the question to the voters shall be by printing upon the ballots the words "For \$100,000.00 bond issue to construct and equip fire engine house, acquire site, and purchase one fire truck and equipment" with a blank square opposite thereto on the right thereof, and the words "Against \$100,000.00 bond issue to construct and equip fire engine house, acquire site, and purchase one fire truck and equipment" with a blank square opposite thereto on the right thereof. If at such referendum election a greater number of qualified voters shall vote "For \$100,000.00 bond issue to construct and equip fire engine house, acquire site, and purchase one fire truck and equipment" by placing a cross mark (x) in the square opposite thereto than shall vote "Against \$100,000.00 bond issue to construct and equip fire engine house, acquire site, and purchase one fire truck and equipment" by placing a cross mark (x) in the square opposite thereto, then the provisions of the foregoing Act shall immediately become operative and in full force and effect, otherwise the provisions of this Act shall be void and of no effect.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and