

the purpose of the amendments being to increase the payment of compensation to the Mayor and Councilmen of the Town of College Park, Maryland, and providing for a referendum thereon.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 5 of the Charter of the Town of College Park in Prince George's County, as enacted by Chapter 1051 of the Acts of 1945, incorporating the said Town, as amended by Chapter 68 of the Acts of 1947 and Chapter 149 of the Acts of 1949, be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

5. The Mayor of the Town of College Park shall receive a compensation of ~~[\$100.00]~~ \$600.00 per year to reimburse him for his expenses in connection with the office of Mayor. Each Councilman elected, qualified and holding office under this Charter, shall receive a compensation of ~~[\$50.00]~~ \$300.00 per year to reimburse him for his expenses in connection with the office of Councilman. The compensation provided to be paid to the Mayor and Town Councilmen shall be payable ~~[annually]~~ *semi-annually* and be chargeable as a municipal expense of the corporation.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That before any increase in payment of compensation to the said Mayor and Councilmen under the provisions of this Act, the question of such increase shall first be submitted to the legally qualified voters of the Town of College Park of Prince George's County at the next Town election to be held May 7, 1951. There shall be printed on the ballot to be used at said election the title of this Act and underneath said title, on separate lines, a square or box to the right of and opposite the words "For Salary Increases", and a corresponding square or box to the right of and opposite the words "Against Salary Increases", so that the voters shall be able to designate by a crossmark in the proper square or box his or her decision for or against said increase in salaries. If a majority of the votes cast at the said Town election shall be "For Salary Increases", then said increases shall be made payable to the said Mayor and Councilmen in accordance with the provisions of this Act, but if a majority of the votes cast shall be "Against Salary Increases", then this Act shall be of no effect and shall be null and void in that particular Town.

SEC. 3. *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 having been passed by a ye and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all of the members elected to each of the two Houses