

THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL IN SUBMITTING THE QUESTION OF ANNEXATION MAY DESIGNATE, IN THEIR DISCRETION, THE AREA AS AN INDEPENDENT WARD WITH THE SAME RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF WARDS EXISTING AS SUCH IN THE TOWN OF BLADENSBURG AT THE TIME OF THE REFERENDUM, OR THEY MAY, IN THEIR DISCRETION, PROVIDE THAT THE ANNEXED AREA, OR PORTIONS THEREOF, MAY BE ATTACHED TO WARDS IN THE TOWN EXISTING AT THE TIME OF THE REFERENDUM.

THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL SHALL HAVE THE POWER TO ASSESS TAXES AGAINST THE PROPERTY OF SAID ANNEXED AREA FOR THE BALANCE OF THE TOWN TAX YEAR DURING THE FIRST YEAR OF ANNEXATION, PROVIDING THERE SHALL BE AT LEAST THREE MONTHS REMAINING IN SAID TAX YEAR. IF LESS THAN THREE MONTHS OF THE TAX YEAR REMAIN AT THE TIME OF THE ANNEXATION THEN SAID ANNEXED AREA SHALL NOT BE ASSESSED FOR TAXES UNTIL THE NEXT TAX YEAR.

SEC. 2. *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 yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all of the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly of Maryland, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 21, 1951.

CHAPTER 151

(House Bill 206)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 7(7) of Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Revenue and Taxes", sub-title "Ordinary Taxes. What Shall Be Taxed and Where", as said section was amended by Chapter 134 of the Acts of 1949, extending the period during which real estate acquired and held for future use by hospitals shall be exempt from taxation.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 7(7) of Article 81 of the Annotated Code of

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.