

costs should be assessed against the property as a special tax. Notice of such hearing shall be posted on the property and sent by registered mail to the last known address of the person in whose name the property is assessed for taxation. If the name of the owner of the property be unknown, or the owner be a non-resident of Prince George's County, notice of the proposed assessment and of the date and place of the hearing shall be published once a week for three consecutive weeks in some newspaper having general circulation in the County. At the hearing, unless good cause to the contrary be shown, the Commissioners shall have authority to levy the reasonable costs incurred by the town, together with the expense of advertising, as a special tax against the property. The assessment shall be certified by the town clerk to the town Treasurer, to be added to the annual tax bill against the property to be collected in the same manner as ordinary taxes are collected and subject to the same interest and penalty for non-payment as provided by law for the non-payment of town taxes. Such special tax shall constitute a lien against the property from the date of the assessment until paid.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1953.*

Approved April 6, 1953.

CHAPTER 398

(House Bill 776)

AN ACT to add a new section to the Code of Public Local Laws of Prince George's County (1943 Edition), being Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Prince George's County", sub-title "Fire Companies", said new section to be known as Section 603A, and to follow immediately after Section 603 of said Code, providing an annual fire tax within a designated area of Prince George's County and relating generally to the disposition of said tax.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That a new section be and it is hereby added to the Code of Public Local Laws of Prince George's County*

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.