

power of the Mayor and Common Council, and eliminating provision for maintenance of the Fire Department of the Town of Fairmount Heights, and providing for a referendum thereon.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 588 of the Prince George's County Code (1943 Edition), being Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Prince George's County", sub-title "Fairmount Heights", as said section was amended by Chapter 329 of the Acts of 1945, be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

588. (1) The Mayor and Common Council shall have power to levy, on or before the first Monday of June in each year, the tax year commencing on the first day of July, a tax not to exceed [twenty-five (25c) cents] *fifty (50c) cents* per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) assessed value based upon the State and county assessments on all real and personal property as the needs of the town may require [, but twenty per cent. (20%) of the proceeds from such tax shall be used for the maintenance of the Fire Department]. Provided, however, that the Mayor and the Common Council shall have the power by ordinance to exempt not exceeding \$500.00 of household goods of each person from taxation. Such tax shall be in default after the first day of October of each year and shall thereafter bear interest at one per centum (1%) per month until paid. The Treasurer of said town shall calculate the amount of taxes due by each person and shall render a bill to the address given on such lists of assessments either by depositing the same in the mail or otherwise, or if the address of any such person is unknown, to the best address ascertainable. All taxes on real estate not paid by the first day of January next succeeding their levy shall be collected as provided by Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall not become effective until it has been submitted to the qualified voters of the town of Fairmount Heights, in Prince George's County, at the next regular municipal election on the first Monday in May, 1953. There shall be printed on the ballots 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 Increased Property Tax Rate", and a corresponding square or box to the right of and opposite the words "Against Increased Property Tax Rate", so that the voters shall be