

based upon the State and county assessments on all real and personal property as the needs of the town may require. Provided however, that the Mayor and 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 March next succeeding their levy shall be collected in the following manner: The Treasurer shall make up a list of the unpaid taxes, and shall advertise the same in some newspaper published in Prince George's County, once in each of three successive weeks, and give notice in said advertisement that on a day to be named therein not later than one month from the date of the first insertion therein, he will sell the properties therein named to the highest bidder for cash. Such notice shall set out the name or names of the respective owners of real estate, a brief description of the location of the property, and the amount of taxes, interest, penalties and costs for which the same is liable. Each piece of real estate so in default shall bear a charge of \$2.50 to cover the costs of advertising, and to cover the cost of verifying the names of the owners of such real estate in the Land Records of the county, which shall be a lien on the real estate, and collected as other town taxes are collected, and with the same interest and penalties.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the effectiveness of this Act shall be subject to the requirement of Section 5 of Article 11 E of the Constitution of Maryland that no such local law shall become effective in regard to a municipal corporation until and unless it shall have been approved at a regular or special municipal election by a majority of the voters of that municipal corporation voting on the question.

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 yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all 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 29, 1955.

CHAPTER 165

(House Bill 508)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 717 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Prince George's County (1953)

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.