

salary to be paid during the year to the Mayor and each Commissioner, which salaries so set shall not exceed the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to the Mayor and Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) to each Commissioner, excepting whenever any Commissioner is designated as Treasurer of the Town he may be paid an additional sum of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00). They shall have the power to designate and to employ by way of a retainer or otherwise an Attorney at Law to be their legal adviser or representative, and may contract with him as to his compensation and duties in their behalf. They may by order or ordinance define and prescribe the duties of the Clerk or the Bailiff and prescribe the amount of their respective salaries or compensation, as well as to fix the rate of wages or compensation of all other employees of said town. Without the special permission of the Legislature of Maryland, the authority of the Mayor and Commissioners to borrow money upon the faith and credit of the Municipality of Westernport shall be limited to funds for proper municipal purposes. [and at no time shall this power or authority to borrow money or incur obligations for the payment of money exist in excess of a total debt amounting to one and one-half percent of the amount of the assessable property in said town of Westernport, as carried for tax purposes.]

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the effectiveness of this Act shall be subject to the requirement of Section 5 of Article 11E 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 ye 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 170

(House Bill 539)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 645 of Article 1 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), as said section was enacted by Chapter 8 of the Acts of 1953, title "Allegany County", sub-title "Westernport", regulating the maximum tax rate which may be imposed on property by the Mayor and Commissioners of the Municipal Corporation of West-

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.