County (1953 Edition), being Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Prince George's County," sub-title "Fire Companies," and to add a new sub-section to Section 656 of said Code, to be known as Sub-section (n) and to follow immediately after Sub-section (m) thereof, relating to the fire tax rate and division of proceeds thereof, in the Fifteenth Election District (Melwood) of Prince George's County and providing for a referendum thereon.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sub-section (a) of Section 655 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Prince George's County (1953 Edition), being Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Prince George's County", sub-title "Fire Companies", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and that a new sub-section be and it is hereby added to Section 656 of said Code, to be known as Sub-section (n), to follow immediately after Sub-section (m) thereof, and all to read as follows:

655.

(a) The provisions of this section shall apply to and be effective in the following election districts of Prince George's County: 6th, 12th, 13th, 18th, 20th, 2nd, 9th, 21st, The incorporated Town of Edmonston in the 1st precinct of the 16th Election District, 1st, 3rd, the 1st precinct of the 14th and 5th *and the Fifteenth Election District (Melwood).*

656.

(n) In the Fifteenth Election District (Melwood), the proceeds of said tax shall be divided and paid by the County Commissioners every six months in equal shares to the respective Treasurers of (1) The Forestville Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., (2) the Marlboro Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., (3) the Morningside Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.; and (4) the Clinton Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That before any tax shall be levied under the provisions of this Act, the question of such levy shall first be submitted to the legally qualified voters of the Fifteenth Election District (Melwood) of Prince George's County on the TUESDAY AFTER THE first Monday in November, 1956. There shall be printed on the ballot or the ballot label, 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 Fire Tax", and a corresponding square or box to the right of and opposite the words "Against Fire Tax", so that the voters shall be able to designate his or her decision for or against said fire tax. If a majority of the votes cast in the said election district shall be "For Fire Tax", then said tax shall be levied and paid over in accordance with the provisions of this Act, but if a majority of the votes cast shall be "Against Fire Tax", then this Act shall be of no effect and shall be null and void in that particular election district.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1955.

Approved April 11, 1955.