

656A. (a) ~~There is hereby~~ SHALL BE levied and assessed an annual fire tax in ~~an~~ THE amount ~~not to exceed~~ OF 10¢ upon each \$100.00 of the assessed valuation of the real and personal property within that portion of the Tenth (Laurel) Election District that is not within the corporate limits of the Town of Laurel. ~~The exact amount of said tax shall be set each year by the County Commissioners of Prince George's County, based upon written notice having been made to said Commissioners by Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 of Laurel, Inc., that they are desirous for the ensuing twelve-month period to have a tax levied of so many cents per \$100.00 of assessed valuation, said amount in no event to exceed 10¢ upon each \$100.00 of said assessed valuation, and said request being accompanied by a proposed budget for the ensuing year.~~

(b) The proceeds of the fire tax collected each year after this section becomes effective shall be disbursed by the appropriate officer of Prince George's County to Volunteer Fire Company No. 1, Inc., OF LAUREL, MARYLAND, INC., for the exclusive use of said fire company, in return for said fire company's providing complete fire protection within the Tenth Election District of Prince George's County.

(c) The provisions of this section shall be effective notwithstanding the provisions of Section 650 of this sub-title, which said section so far as the Tenth Election District is concerned shall remain in full force and effect.

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 ~~who will be subject to and liable for the payment of the tax herein provided at a special~~ WHO RESIDE IN SAID PORTION OF THE TENTH (LAUREL) ELECTION DISTRICT THAT IS NOT WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF LAUREL AT A SPECIAL election to be held not later than October 1, 1957, on a date to be set in the discretion of the County Commissioners, the cost of said election to be borne by the County Commissioners. 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 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 by a cross-mark in the proper square or box his or her decision for or against said fire tax. If a majority of the votes cast in any of said voting precincts or part thereof shall be "For Fire Tax", then said tax shall be levied and paid over in accordance with the provisions of the 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.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1957.

Approved April 15, 1957.