

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That in the event that any part of this Act shall be found invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining parts of the Act shall continue in full force and effect.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall be subject to a referendum of the legally qualified voters of the LaVale Zoning District, as said District is defined herein. The referendum shall be conducted on June 18, 1957, and shall be subject to the general provisions of law contained in Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland for the conduct of State and County elections in Allegany County. The Board of County Commissioners and the Board of Supervisors of Elections of Allegany County shall do such things and perform such acts as may be necessary and proper to conduct the special election as provided herein. On the voting machine labels or on the paper ballots, as the case may be, there shall be printed a summary of the provisions of this Act together with the words, "For Zoning District" and "Against Zoning District", with suitable provision made whereby the voter may indicate his choice on said questions. If a majority of the persons voting in said special election shall vote "For Zoning District", the provisions of this Act shall become effective immediately upon an official canvass of the votes and a declaration to this effect by the Board of Supervisors of Elections of Allegany County. If a majority of the persons voting shall vote "Against Zoning District", the Board of Supervisors of Elections shall so declare and this Act shall then be null and void and of no further effect whatsoever.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the Board of Supervisors of Elections of Allegany County shall promptly report to the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Allegany County the results of the said referendum; and the said Clerk of the Court shall promptly certify the results of the referendum to the Secretary of State and to the State Comptroller.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1957.

Approved March 18, 1957.

CHAPTER 229

(Senate Bill 444)

AN ACT to repeal Section 233A of Article 18 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Queen Anne's County", sub-title "Fire Companies", as enacted or amended by Chapters 76 of the Acts of 1935, 129 of 1941, 453 of 1945, 453 of 1947 and 380 of 1949, and to add new Section 233 to said Article of the Code, to follow immediately after Section 232 thereof and

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.