

generally to the imposition, collection, distribution and expenditure of such tax, AND MAKING THIS ACT SUBJECT TO A REFERENDUM.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Sections 332Q to 332T of the Code of Public Local Laws of Anne Arundel County (1947 Edition), being Article 2 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Anne Arundel County", sub-title "Fire Companies", be and the same is hereby added to read as follows:*

Seventh and Eighth Districts

332Q. (a). The provisions of this sub-heading shall apply to and be effective in the Seventh and Eighth Election Districts of Anne Arundel County.

(b). The County Commissioners of Anne Arundel County are hereby authorized and directed to levy for the year 1960 and annually thereafter, for each approved volunteer fire company within the Seventh and Eighth Election Districts of Anne Arundel County, a fire tax of two cents on every One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of the assessed value of all real and personal property located in the Seventh and Eighth Election Districts.

(c). The said fire tax shall be levied and collected in the same manner as other State and County taxes are now levied and collected.

(d). The aggregate proceeds of said fire tax from both election districts shall be paid by the County Commissioners semi-annually on June 30 and December 31 of each year, in equal portions, to the volunteer fire companies located in the Seventh and Eighth Election Districts which have been approved by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Anne Arundel County and which have been approved, accepted and recognized by the County Commissioners of Anne Arundel County, and which are otherwise eligible to receive public funds. If there are no volunteer fire companies in either of the two districts, the aggregate proceeds then shall be paid to the company or companies in the other district.

332R. The funds received by the volunteer fire companies specified in Section 332Q shall be used for the purpose of purchasing, repairing, replacing, operating and maintaining their fire fighting equipment and apparatus, and other vehicles, and the housing of the same; provided, however, that no payment or disbursement of any of said funds shall be made by any such fire company or the treasurer thereof without the approval of its Board of Directors. The amount and type of equipment of each of said fire companies shall conform to the standards prescribed by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Anne Arundel County, and no resolution, regulation, or by-law shall be passed by any of the said volunteer fire companies limiting or restricting the territory within the said Election District within which it will respond to emergency or fire calls.

332S. In the event that any one or more of the said volunteer fire companies shall cease to be an active fire fighting organization, or if the funds provided for herein are not used for the purposes set forth in this sub-heading, or if restrictive rules, regulations or