

vestments with an aggregate value of more than \$5,000; provided, further that such exemption shall be allowed if either one or both of said tenants are sixty-five (65) years of age or more, or if either one or both of said tenants shall have resided on such property for the preceding five years; provided, further, however, that only one such exemption shall be allowed on any real estate taxable hereunder.

(b) Every person seeking to have his residential property taxed as provided herein shall first make application to the Board of County Commissioners, in writing, setting forth thereon his, her or their name, age, place of residence, total gross income from all sources for the next preceding calendar year, total amount of stocks, bonds, bank deposits, savings accounts, notes, mortgages and any other securities and investments, total consecutive years of residence in said County immediately preceding the date of said application, and the source of ownership of the residential property sought to be taxed as herein provided. Said application shall be accompanied by an affidavit of the person making said application certifying to the truth of the application's content, and said application shall be submitted to the said County Commissioners at least twenty-one (21) calendar days before the date of finality for real property ownership in the County of the year for which said reduction of assessment, if granted hereunder, would apply. Thereupon, said County Commissioners shall read and consider each of said applications and shall approve or disapprove same prior to said date of finality.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and being 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, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.*

Approved May 3, 1961.

CHAPTER 860

(House Bill 651)

AN ACT to repeal Section 119 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Charles County (1959 Edition, being Article 9 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Charles County", sub-title "Fences", to repeal an obsolete provision in the local laws of Charles County requiring fencing of property along the Zechia Swamp.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 119 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Charles County (1959 Edition, being Article 9 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Charles County", sub-title "Fences", be and it is hereby repealed.*

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.