

after Section 222A thereof; to authorize and direct the County Commissioners of Charles County to ~~levy a park tax, and generally specifying the distribution of the tax and generally applying to the laws concerning the park tax and the Board of Parks and Recreation in Charles County.~~ APPROPRIATE MONIES FOR THE PURPOSES OF PARKS AND RECREATION IN THE COUNTY.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 222A (d) of the Code of Public Local Laws of Charles County (1964 Supplement, being Article 9 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Charles County", subtitle "Parks and Recreation", as last amended by Chapter 664 of the Acts of 1965, be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments; and that Section 222B be and it is hereby added to the said Code and subtitle, to follow immediately after Section 222A thereof, and all to read as follows:

222A.

(d) The Board, with the approval of the County Commissioners, may accept real and personal property of all kinds, suitable for public parks, open space programs, and recreational purposes, legal title to which shall always be in the Board of County Commissioners. [The County Commissioners shall appropriate in the annual budget of the County not less than \$40,000 to defray the expenses of the Board, to pay the salary of the director, to purchase land, construct improvements, and defray expenses for the maintenance of park and recreation areas under the control of the Board and for the support of the park and recreational programs.] The acquisition of property, with the approval of the County Commissioners, may be by purchase, ~~condemnation~~, grant, bequest, devise, or lease of the fee or any lessor interest, development right, assignment, covenant or other contractual right necessary for park and recreation programs. The County Commissioners SHALL NOT have the power to sell or in any manner dispose of these parks and recreational properties. ~~subject to the approval of the Charles County Board of Parks and Recreation.~~

222B.

(a) The County Commissioners of Charles County are hereby authorized and directed to levy for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1966, and annually thereafter, a park tax at the rate of ten cents (\$.10) per one hundred dollars (\$100) assessed value of property in the county to be levied. Such tax shall be levied on the assessed value of all taxable real and personal property in Charles County.

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

(c) The proceeds collected from said County park tax shall thereafter be paid by the County Commissioners semi-annually June 30 and December 31 of each year to the Board of Parks and Recreation to defray the expenses of the Board, to pay the salary of the director, to purchase land, construct improvements, and defray expenses for the maintenance of park and recreation areas under the control of the Board and for the support of the park and recreational programs. This tax will be the sole means of local tax revenue for the Board and would include the amount the Board could obligate for bonded funds as well as the administrative and operational budget.