

or by any citizen, provided, however, that no such charges may be filed by a citizen, without the consent of the appointing authority or of the Commissioner, and such charge shall within ninety days after filing, be heard, investigated and determined by the Commissioner or by some person or board appointed by the Commissioner to hear, investigate and determine the same.

The finding and decision of the Commissioner or of such person or board when approved by the Commissioner shall be final, and shall be certified to the appointing authority and shall be forthwith enforced by such authority.

The Commissioner shall, by rule, prescribe what may constitute cause for removal, but no removal shall be allowed because of the religious or political opinions or affiliations of any employee. The provisions of this section shall apply to the demotion of an employee as described in Section 31 of this article.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1970.

Approved April 28, 1970

CHAPTER 507
(House Bill 1113)

AN ACT to add a new Section 30(e) to Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume), title "Revenue and Taxes," subtitle "Rate of Tax," to follow immediately after Section 30(d) thereof, providing in Allegany County that the Board of County Commissioners may impose less than the full county tax rate within the limits of any municipal corporation in view of certain services furnished by the municipal corporation.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That new Section 30(e) be and it is hereby added to Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume), title "Revenue and Taxes," subtitle "Rate of Tax," to follow immediately after Section 30(d) thereof, and to read as follows:

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(e) In Allegany County the Board of County Commissioners in levying taxes for the support of the County government may impose less than the full county tax rate upon county taxpayers owning property within the limits of any municipal corporation if in the discretion of the County Commissioners the lesser rate is equitable in view of services furnished by the municipal corporation which duplicate, or make unnecessary the providing of therein, similar services furnished elsewhere in the county by the Board of County Commissioners.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1970.

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