



SPONSOR: Rep. D. Short & Sen. Richardson

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE BILL NO. 398

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF SEAFORD RELATING TO FIRE DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATIONS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE (Two-thirds of all members elected to each house thereof concurring therein):

1           Section 1. Amend Section 23 of the Charter of the City of Seaford by making deletions as shown by strike  
2 through and insertions as shown by underline as follows:

3           **Fire Department Appropriation.**

4           **Section 23.**

5           (A) ~~The City Council may set aside or appropriate annually a sum not to exceed ten per cent (10%) of the total~~  
6 ~~amount collected as taxes on real estate, to be used to provide and maintain equipment of the Seaford Volunteer Fire~~  
7 ~~Department, Inc. 66 Del. Laws, c. 327~~

8           (B) ~~The President of the said Fire Department shall, at the last regular meeting of the City Council immediately~~  
9 ~~preceding the annual election or as the City Council, by resolution, might otherwise require, submit a report to the City~~  
10 ~~Council setting forth the number of fire alarms answered since the last report was made to the Council, the number of miles~~  
11 ~~traveled by each piece of equipment of the fire department, the average number of firemen present at each alarm, and the~~  
12 ~~general condition and efficiency of the Fire Department.~~

13           (A) Reserved

14           (B) Reserved

SYNOPSIS

This Act amends the City of Seaford Charter to remove the section regarding Fire Department Appropriations, specifically, the City Council's authority to set aside or appropriate up to ten percent of real estate taxes to provide for and maintain the equipment of the Seaford Volunteer Fire Department. It also removes the obligation of the President of the Fire Department to submit an annual report to the City Council.