

SEC. 6. This Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 23rd day of February, 1945.

## S. B. 156

## CHAPTER 244

### AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE COUNTIES TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

*The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:*

SECTION 1. That Section one hundred and fifty-three - nine of the General Statutes be, and the same hereby is, amended by adding thereto an additional subsection, as follows:

Authorizing Counties to establish and maintain fire departments.

(39) County fire departments. Any county shall have power to provide for the organization, equipment, maintenance and government of fire companies and a fire department; and, in its discretion, may provide for a paid fire department, fix the compensation of the officers and employees thereof, and make rules and regulations for its government. The board of commissioners of the county may make the necessary appropriations for the expenses thereof and levy annually taxes for the payment of same as a special purpose, in addition to any tax allowed by the Constitution.

Conflicting laws repealed.

SEC. 2. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 3. That this Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 23rd day of February, 1945.

## S. B. 164

## CHAPTER 245

### AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION SIXTY-SEVEN - THIRTEEN OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA, AND TO EXEMPT BURKE COUNTY FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS THEREOF.

*The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:*

Exempting Burke County from certain General Statutes.

SECTION 1. That Section sixty-seven - thirteen of the General Statutes of North Carolina be, and the same is, hereby amended by adding at the end of said section the following:

*Provided*, the provisions of that portion of this section which follows the word "Collected" in line three shall not apply to Burke County.