

of fifty thousand dollars; and the said County Commissioners, at their April session in the year 1912, and in every year thereafter shall before said collectors enter upon the performance of their duties fix the salary or compensation of each of said tax collectors for the ensuing year, to be paid by the commissioners and not retained out of the collections by the collector, which amount so fixed by said commissioners shall be in full of all compensation of every kind to be paid the said collectors for collecting the State and county taxes so placed in their hands for collection from year to year, and Section 31 of Article 81 of the Code of Public General Laws so far as the same relates to Allegany County is hereby repealed, except as hereinbefore provided; and the salary or compensation shall be upon a commission basis to be determined by the commissioners, and shall be payable in monthly instalments only on taxes collected and paid over, one-third of which shall be retained or withheld by the Commissioners until final settlement by the respective collectors with the said commissioners; provided, however, that the compensation aforesaid shall not exceed the sum of fifty-five hundred dollars to be paid to the collector in the first collection district, and the sum of thirty-five hundred dollars to the collectors in the second and third collection districts, respectively, which said sums shall include all expenses of whatsoever kind incurred by said collectors in the collection of said taxes, and said County Commissioners shall not allow any greater sum nor pay any bills for any matter whatsoever for the use of said collector nor supply any stationery or other thing unless the same shall be charged against the said sum so to be allowed said tax collectors, and if it shall be found at any time during a fiscal year that any monthly payments to be made to said tax collectors, together with previous monthly payments, would exceed two-thirds of said total sums, no further payments shall be allowed until final settlement is made by said collectors with said County Commissioners, as aforesaid.

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 safety, and being passed upon a yea 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 March 1st, 1922.