

of the powers and functions granted to the Commission, there shall be levied annually against all the assessable property within the Regional District by Montgomery and Prince George's counties, respectively, a tax of three cents (3¢) on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessable property within the Regional District. Each of the counties is directed in each annual levy, except as hereinafter provided, to levy the tax on all property in its county within the Regional District, both real and personal, assessed for county tax purposes. These taxes shall be levied and collected as county taxes now are or may hereafter by law be levied and collected; and they shall have the same priority rights, bear the same interest and penalties, and in every respect be treated the same as county taxes. The proceeds of the collection of such tax shall be paid to the Commission and shall constitute the administrative fund of the Commission. The expenditures of the Commission for operating or administrative purposes shall be within the amount of such fund, together with such additional funds as may be appropriated or contributed for such purposes by the said counties or by the General Assembly of Maryland or by the United States or by private donors.

(b) *Possible invalidity.*—In the event that by decree of court the provisions of sub-section (a) of this section for a three cent (3¢) tax should be permanently enjoined or otherwise invalidated, so that the County Council of Montgomery County and the County Commissioners of Prince George's County can no longer levy and collect the three cent (3¢) tax as provided for in said sub-section, then and thenceforth the repeal of Section 5 of Chapter 448 of the Laws of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1927, by Chapter 714 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1939, and by Chapter 992 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1943, shall terminate; and said repeal shall then and thenceforth be treated as no longer in effect, and then and thenceforth said Section 5 of Chapter 448 of the Acts of 1927 shall be deemed reenacted and in full force and effect.

(c) *Computation of tax; Unexpended Balances.*—At least thirty (30) days prior to the ends of the fiscal years of Montgomery and Prince George's counties, respectively, the Commission shall certify and submit to the appropriate fiscal officers of said counties the Unexpended Balances in the hands of the Commission from monies received by the Commission from the administrative taxes theretofore levied by the counties, respectively, as hereinabove provided. If the Unexpended Balance with respect to either county shall exceed the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00), that county if it so elects, may deduct said excess from its estimate of the amount of money which will be raised in the next succeeding fiscal year by the levy of the administrative tax; and the county in such fiscal year, may levy the tax at a rate which the county estimates will produce an amount equal to the difference so arrived at, which amount will then be the amount which the county is obligated to pay the Commission for administration in such fiscal year pursuant to this section.

(d) *Procedure in Montgomery County.*—In BOTH COUNTIES. THE Montgomery County ~~the County Council is~~ AND THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY ARE authorized and directed to fix the amount of the administrative tax authorized in this section on or before the 20th day of