

porate bond to Allegany County, Maryland, to be approved by the County Commissioners of Allegany County and the County Attorney in a penal sum to be fixed by the County Commissioners, conditioned upon faithful discharge of the duties of said Treasurer. From the monies so received the Treasurer of LaVale Volunteer Fire Department, Incorporated, its successor or successors, shall pay all proper costs, expenses, claims and demands, and such principal and interest payments on any encumbrance on real estate or equipment owned by said LaVale Volunteer Fire Department, Incorporated, its successor or successors, as may be due, that are necessary property to maintain and operate said Fire Department. Should the tax so collected in any one year be inadequate to defray the said costs, expenses, claims and demands such deficiency may be added to the amount required for the next ensuing year and be levied and collected in the next year's taxes, provided that the rate shall not be in excess of that above mentioned.

148C.

In addition to the accounting required by Section 148 of this Article, the LaVale Volunteer Fire Department, Incorporated, for any year in which special tax moneys are levied, collected, received or requested, shall submit an annual budget to the County Commissioners, said budget to be submitted on or before the 15th day of March in each of such years. In addition the LaVale Volunteer Fire Department, Incorporated, shall also submit to the County Commissioners an accounting of all expenditures made by it in each fiscal year, which accounting shall be submitted to the County Commissioners within 60 days from the end of the fiscal year of the Fire Department.

148D.

The special tax hereinabove provided for shall be levied, collected and paid to the LaVale Volunteer Fire Department, Incorporated, in addition to the annual appropriation provided for in Section 147 of this Article.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That before any tax shall be levied in parts of Election Districts Nos. 29, 5 and 6, in Allegany County, under the provisions of this Act, the question of such levy shall first be submitted to the qualified voters of said contemplated fire area and approved by a majority of the qualified voters voting thereon. Said election shall take place within 120 days after the effective date of this Bill, and the Board of Election Supervisors of Allegany County are hereby authorized and empowered to determine the time, place or places, and manner for the submission of any such question to the qualified voters and for voting thereon, and for ascertaining the results. In connection with said election there shall be printed on the ballot or voting machines to be used at said election the title of this Act, and underneath said title on separate lines a square or box to the right of and opposite with the words "For Fire Tax" and a corresponding square or box to the right of and opposite the words "Against Fire Tax" so that the voters shall be able to designate by a cross-mark in the proper square or box indicated by hand or voting machine, his or her decision for or against said fire tax. If a majority of the votes cast in said area in said election