

meet these obligations and expenses as they mature or become payable, said tax to be determined, levied, collected and paid over in the following manner: At least thirty days before the tax levying period of each year, the respective County Council and Board of County Commissioners shall certify to the Commission, by Counties, the whole valuation of assessable property within the District. The Commission shall then determine the amounts necessary to be raised by each County for the ensuing year for the purposes specified herein, which amounts shall be determined by ~~the ratio that the cost of transit facilities located in each County bears to the total cost of transit facilities located in both counties,~~ THE ALLOCATION OF OBLIGATIONS AGREED TO UNDER PARAGRAPH (A) OF SECTION 12, except that the administrative expenses of the Commission shall be borne by each county, as set forth in Section 15 of this Act. After deducting all amounts in hand available for such purposes, if any, it shall determine the number of cents per \$100 necessary for each County to raise the said amounts and shall so certify to both the County Council and the Board of County Commissioners. The said County Council and Board of County Commissioners in their next annual levy shall levy said tax on all land and improvements and any other property assessed for County tax purposes within the District, which tax shall be levied and collected as County taxes now are or may be hereafter by law levied and collected, and have the same priority rights, bear the same interest and penalties and in every respect be treated the same as county taxes. The tax so levied, for the ensuing year shall be collected by the respective tax collecting authorities, and every sixty days they shall remit the whole amount of tax collected to the Commission.

15. Administrative Expenses of the Commission

The Commission annually shall submit to the County Council of Montgomery County and to the Board of County Commissioners of Prince George's County a budget of its requirements for administrative expenses for the next ensuing year. There shall be included in said budget as an expense of the District, the Maryland share of the expenses of the Joint Commission to Consider Matters Relating to Passenger Carrier Facilities in the Washington Metropolitan Area, which Joint Commission has been empowered by Joint Resolution of the General Assembly of Maryland to negotiate an interstate compact between Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia dealing with transportation. The obligation of Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, AFTER BUDGET APPROVAL, to appropriate for the administrative budget of the Commission shall be allocated between such Counties upon the basis of population as reflected by the latest population statistics of the Bureau of the Census. Upon the request of either County, the Commission shall make the allocation upon estimates of population prepared in a manner approved by the Commission. Such budget shall be limited solely to the administrative expenses of the Commission and shall not include any funds for construction or acquisition of transit facilities or performing of transit service. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE, THE RESPECTIVE GOVERNING BODIES SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO REVIEW AND TO APPROVE IN WHOLE OR IN PART THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET OF THE COMMISSION, AND THE AGREEMENT OF THE GOVERNING BODIES OF BOTH COUNTIES SHALL BE