

ments; and that Section 51(b) of Article 25 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume), title "County Commissioners", subtitle "County Treasurers", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, all to read as follows:

【County Tax Collectors】 Tax Collection

75.

The position of tax collector in Allegany County is abolished and all powers, duties and responsibilities that the Tax Collector had pursuant to the Code of Public Local Laws of Allegany County (1963 Edition and 1967 Supplement) are now the duties and responsibilities of the County Treasurer for Allegany County.

76.

(a) For the purpose of facilitating the collection of County and State taxes in Allegany County, the County Commissioners of Allegany County shall maintain for the use of the County Treasurer, a central office for the collection of taxes in the Court House, which office shall be maintained and equipped at the expense of the County Commissioners of Allegany County. The County Commissioners shall be responsible for all the expenses of the office, including the printing and mailing of bills, and the purchase and rental of equipment, and the County Treasurer shall not be required to bear any expense incident to the operation of the office. The County Commissioners are authorized to appoint such clerical personnel for the office as may in their discretion seem necessary, and to provide for the payment of the salaries of the clerical personnel.

(b) Any clerical assistants appointed pursuant to subsection (a) hereto are under the supervision and direction of the County Treasurer, and, in the absence of the County Treasurer, shall perform all of the duties that the County Treasurer has in his capacity as a collector of taxes.

(c) The County Commissioners are authorized to provide a public employees blanket bond for such purposes and in such amounts as may in their discretion seem necessary to adequately cover the county funds handled in County Treasurer's office by all clerical employees in the office. The aforesaid blanket bond shall in no way cover the County Treasurer nor relieve him of the necessity of furnishing the bonds otherwise provided for by law.

70.

Said treasurer, before entering upon the duties of his office, shall execute a bond to the State of Maryland, with sureties to be approved by the County Commissioners, in the penalty of **【Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00)】** not less than Fifty Thousand Dollars nor more than One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars, conditioned for the true and faithful performance of the duties of the office of treasurer during the term for which he was elected or appointed, which bond shall be recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for said county, and a certified copy whereof shall be evidence in any of the Courts in this State; and in default of said treasurer executing said bond on or before the first day of April next after his election he shall forfeit his election; and the County