

*faithful discharge of the duties of said Treasurer. From the monies so received the Treasurer of the Bedford Road Volunteer Fire Department, 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 Bedford Road Volunteer Fire Department, 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.*

166C.

*In addition to the accounting required by Section 161 of this Article, the Bedford Road Volunteer Fire Department 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 Bedford Road Volunteer Fire Department 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.*

166D.

*The special tax hereinabove provided for shall be levied, collected and paid to the Bedford Road Volunteer Fire Department, in addition to the annual appropriation provided for in Section 160 of this Article.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That before any tax shall be levied 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 shall be "For Fire Tax" then said tax shall be levied and paid over in accordance with the provisions of this Act, but if a majority of votes cast shall be "Against Fire Tax," then this Act shall be of no effect in said Election Districts, and shall be null and void.*