

prevention purposes, and street signs. The Committee also may use funds at its disposal to retain the professional services of an attorney, a certified public ~~account~~ ACCOUNTANT or other professional services they deem necessary.

(b) Any surplus monies held by the Committee after making provision for street lights, street signs, the water system and necessary professional services may be contributed to the fire departments providing fire protection to the Bowling Green and Robert's Place Special Taxing Area.

(c) The Committee is authorized to prescribe all rules and regulations necessary for the administration and enforcement of this subtitle.

16E.

(a) At the time of the county tax levy for 1973, and each succeeding year thereafter, the Board of County Commissioners of Allegany County are directed to levy and collect from the property owners of the Bowling Green and Robert's Place Special Taxing Area amounts to be fixed by them at not more than eight cents (8¢) on each one hundred dollars worth of assessable property. The Board of County Commissioners will then pay over the tax to the Committee treasurer.

(b) The Committee treasurer shall deposit all funds coming into his possession as treasurer in the bank approved by the Committee. Funds shall be paid out only when authorized by resolution of the Committee pursuant to accomplishing the purposes of Section 16D. Funds shall not be paid out except by check duly signed by the chairman and countersigned by the secretary and treasurer.

(c) At its first meeting after the second Thursday in the month of July of each year, the Committee shall appoint an auditing committee of two members to audit the books of the treasurer and report its findings to the Committee. After receipt and approval of the report, the Committee shall forward a copy of it to the Board of County Commissioners of Allegany County.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That if any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason, the invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or any other application of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end all the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That before the provisions of this act become effective, the County Commissioners and the Board of Supervisors of Election of Allegany County shall submit the question to persons of legal age who reside in or own property in the area described in this act as constituting the Bowling Green and Robert's Place Special Taxing Area on the date of the election. The referendum shall be held on the third Tuesday of July, 1972. Due notice of the referendum shall be given by public posters in the Bowling Green and Robert's Place Special Taxing Area. The cost of the referendum shall be paid out of the general funds of the County Commissioners. There shall be printed on the ballots or ballot labels 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 the words: "For Special Taxing District" and a corresponding square or box to the right of