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[(The)] (A) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION THE county commissioners of the several counties of the State shall provide by levy an amount sufficient to pay for the expense of assessment of property in their respective counties upon the order of the State Department of Assessments and Taxation. [()]

[(A)] (B) IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT THE COST OF THE MAINTENANCE, OPERATION AND ADMINISTRATION, AND THE COST OF PROVIDING NECESSARY FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING CAPITAL COSTS, OF THE SYSTEM OF ASSESSMENT FOR EACH COUNTY AND THE CITY OF BALTIMORE SHALL BE BORNE EXCLUSIVELY BY THE STATE, AND SHALL BE PROVIDED FOR IN THE ANNUAL STATE BUDGET IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:

(I) EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1973, THE ANNUAL SALARIES OF THE SUPERVISORS OF ASSESSMENTS IN EACH COUNTY AND BALTIMORE CITY AND SUCH INCIDENTAL EXPENSES AS THEY MAY INCUR, AND THE PER DIEM AND EXPENSES OF THE SEVERAL PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT APPEAL BOARDS, AND

(II) EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1974, THE ANNUAL SALARIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF THE ASSESSORS IN EACH COUNTY AND BALTIMORE CITY, AND

(III) EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1975, ALL REMAINING COSTS RELATING TO PERSONNEL, ADMINISTRATION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM OF EACH COUNTY AND BALTIMORE CITY.

[(B)] (C) EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1975 THE DATA PROCESSING COSTS OF EACH COUNTY AND BALTIMORE CITY RELATING TO THE ASSESSING FUNCTION SHALL BE BORNE BY THE STATE, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE SECRETARY OF BUDGET AND FISCAL PLANNING.

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[(In the event that PRIOR TO JULY 1, 1975 any of the several boards of county commissioners neglect or refuse to include in the levy succeeding the date of notification from the State Department of Assessments and Taxation the amount necessary to assess or reassess property in the particular county or district, or part of a county or district, or in the event any of the several boards of county commissioners shall neglect or fail to follow the instructions of the State Department of Assessments and Taxation, either as to the method or plan of assessment, [(or failure)] OR UNTIL JULY 1, 1974, FAIL to appoint assessors as hereinbefore provided, then in that event, the State Department of Assessments and Taxation may institute mandamus proceedings against any such board of county commissioners of any county so refusing and a mandamus shall issue compelling any such board to perform the duties herein provided. [()]]

[(A) THE SECRETARY OF PERSONNEL AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION SHALL ESTABLISH THE NUMBER OF POSITIONS ENUMERATED IN SECTION 237(A) TO BE FILLED IN EACH COUNTY AND BALTIMORE CITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 64A OF THIS CODE.]