

officers so notified shall be bound respectively to give, under a penalty of five hundred dollars each, to be recovered by action at law, instituted by said board, in the name of the State, for failure to attend as required, and for each and every failure to obey the lawful orders of said board then and thereafter; and from and after the first meeting aforesaid, the whole then existing police force in the city of Baltimore, both officers and men, shall pass under the exclusive management and control of the said board, and be subject to no other control, and entitled to receive neither orders nor pay (except arrearages then due) from any other authority, and shall so continue, subject, however, to removal or suspension, at the discretion of said board, and with the power in said board to fill vacancies, until the said board shall publicly declare that the organization of the police force created by this article is complete; upon such public declaration, and from the time thereof, all ordinances of the mayor and city council of Baltimore are hereby annulled and declared void, so far as they conflict with this article, or assume or confer upon the mayor, or any other person or persons, the power to appoint, dismiss, or in any way or to any extent employ or control any police force organized or to be organized under such ordinances, or any of them; and from and after such public declaration as aforesaid, the police force organized or which may be organized under such ordinances, or any of them, shall cease to exist, and all its functions and powers be at an end.

818*. It shall be the duty of the said board, with all convenient speed, after qualifying as aforesaid, and annually thenceforward, to estimate what sum of money will be necessary for each current fiscal year, to enable them to discharge the duties hereby imposed on them, and they shall forthwith certify the same to the mayor and city council of Baltimore, who are hereby required, without delay, specifically to assess and levy such amount as shall be sufficient to raise the same, clear of all expenses and discounts, upon all the assessable property in the city of Baltimore, and to cause the same to be collected as all other city taxes; and it is hereby made the duty of the collector of the city of Baltimore, and he is required to collect said tax, and no bill of city taxes other than for interest on the city funded debt, except bills of city taxes payable before the year eighteen hundred and sixty, shall be demandable or recoverable from any person, by the mayor and city council of Baltimore, unless the same shall contain the proper charge for such tax, to be denominated the police tax; and the said Board of Police, upon and