

cise any of the functions of any officer, under the penalty of fifty dollars for every offense; to be recovered by indictment in the circuit court for the county where the offense may be committed, or in the criminal court of Baltimore, if committed in said city.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 11. 1912, sec. 11. 1904, sec. 11. 1888, sec. 11. 1805, ch. 107.

10. No sheriff, constable or collector of taxes shall, while he continues in office, purchase any debt or claim held by or due from any person residing in the county or city wherein he is sheriff, constable or collector of taxes, under the penalty of fifty dollars for each offense.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 12. 1912, sec. 12. 1904, sec. 12. 1900, ch. 356, sec. 12.

11. No person shall be appointed to any office in the State of Maryland who has not been an actual *bona fide* resident of this State for at least twelve months prior to the day of his appointment, and no person shall be appointed by any State or county officials unless such person so appointed shall have been an actual *bona fide* resident of the State of Maryland for at least twelve months, and of the county wherein he is appointed for at least six months prior to the day of his appointment. This section shall not affect appointments of officers requiring special knowledge or training, or the appointment to offices requiring expert knowledge or training.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 13. 1922, ch. 454.

12. Women shall be eligible to hold all public offices and positions to the same extent as men, subject to all provisions of law, general or local, containing restrictions or qualifications for holding such offices and positions. All positions of law creating public offices or positions, and containing words or phrases denoting the masculine gender, shall be construed to include the feminine gender, unless the contrary intention is specifically expressed.

See sec. 10 of art. 15 of the Md. Constitution.