

CHAPTER 49.

AN ACT to establish in Montgomery County a Disbursement Committee to act as an advisory board for the County Commissioners of Montgomery County, as to the legality of any voucher or account submitted to said Board of County Commissioners for payment, to designate the members of said Committee, to provide for their compensation, and to authorize the levy of taxes for that purpose.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland.* That, in order to facilitate proper payment of accounts and vouchers submitted to the Board of County Commissioners of Montgomery County for payment from public funds, and in order to secure a proper investigation as to the legality and validity of such claims, vouchers and accounts, there is hereby created a committee of three members, to be known and designated as the "County Disbursement Committee." The chairman of said committee shall be the president of the Board of County Commissioners, and there shall be two additional members one of whom shall be the duly elected treasurer of Montgomery County, and the other the attorney, or counsel, to said Board.

SEC. 2. Before any voucher, account, statement, bill, or other claim for money shall be authorized for payment by said Board of County Commissioners, the said voucher, account, statement, bill, or other claim for money shall be first submitted to the said Disbursement Committee, at least one day prior to its approval for payment, and such voucher, account, statement, bill, or other claim for money shall be examined by said Board, and, if approved, shall be endorsed thereon by the members of said Board as "approved," and if disapproved, shall be endorsed with the word "disapproved," with a statement briefly setting forth the reasons of said Board for its disapproval, and the County Auditor in presenting his audit of the books of the County Commissioners, the County Treasurer of Montgomery County, or the account of any other county officials or employees, shall segregate and specifically set out in his audit such items as may have been paid by the treasurer upon order from the County Commissioners without the approval of the Disbursement Committee.

SEC. 3. For his services in connection with such work of investigation as a member of said Board, the president of the