

CHAPTER 827.

(House Bill 691)

AN ACT to add a new section to the Prince George's County Code (1943 Edition—being Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Prince George's County", sub-title "County Commissioners", to be under sub-heading "Property Clerk", said new section to be known as Section 393A and to follow immediately after Section 393 of said Code and Article, providing for the appointment of a property clerk and prescribing his duties and powers.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new section be and it is hereby added to the Prince George's County Code (1943 Edition—being Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Prince George's County", sub-title "County Commissioners", to be under sub-heading "Property Clerk", said new section to be known as Section 393A, to follow immediately after Section 393 of said Code and Article, and to read as follows:

393A. (a) The County Commissioners are authorized and empowered to appoint a property clerk, at an annual salary not to exceed One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars, payable monthly. The said clerk shall, before entering upon his duties, give bond in an amount to be fixed by the Commissioners, but not less than One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars.

The Commissioners shall provide a suitable and adequate place in some one central location, preferably in the Court House in Upper Marlboro, for the safe-keeping of property, where all property in the custody of the clerk shall be kept.

(b) The said clerk shall keep a complete record, in a book to be furnished by the Commissioners for the purpose, of all property and money coming into his possession under the provisions of this sub-heading, said record to include, among other pertinent information, the name of the person delivering property to him, the date of delivery, name of the owner, if known, and detailed information concerning the circumstances under which the property came into possession of the delivering party.

(c) Every member of the county police force, the sheriff and all deputies, the county medical examiner, and all other law enforcement officers and public officials shall, within forty-eight hours, deliver to the property clerk for immediate registering in the property record book all property and money coming into their possession in any manner whatever by reason of their official duties; the said clerk shall give a receipt for and retain all such property, except as otherwise hereinafter provided.