

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 79 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Howard County (1957 Edition, being Article 14 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Howard County," subtitle "County Treasurer," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

79.

The person so as aforesaid appointed, before he enters upon the duties of his said office, shall take an oath before the clerk of the Circuit Court for Howard County, in form similar to that now taken by collectors of taxes, except as to the title of his office and to be similarly certified, he shall execute to the State of Maryland, a separate bond in the penal sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars with at least three sureties, as the collector of State Taxes, which bond shall be approved and filed in like manner, as other bonds of collectors of State taxes, and he shall execute to the State of Maryland, a separate bond in the penal sum of Forty Thousand Dollars, with at least three sureties to be approved by the County Commissioners of Howard County with the condition that if the above bounden shall well and faithfully execute his office of Treasurer of Howard County, and shall account for and pay to the County Commissioners aforesaid or their order, or as the law may direct, the several sums which he shall receive for said county, or be answerable for by law at such time and in such manner as the law shall direct, then the said obligation to be void, otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue in law; and said bond when approved, shall be recorded in the office of the clerk of the Circuit Court for Howard County, he shall execute the bond hereinbefore required and qualify within thirty days after the receipt of his commission by the clerk of the Circuit Court for Howard County, and in the event of his removal from office, his death or resignation during his term of office, the Governor shall [at once appoint his successor] *appoint the person to fill such vacancy whose name shall be submitted to him in writing by the State Central Committee of Howard County of the political party with which the Treasurer, so vacating, has been affiliated, provided, that the appointee shall be of the same political party as the person whose office is to be filled; and it shall be the duty of the Governor to make said appointment within fifteen days after the submission thereof to him, [who] which said appointee shall qualify and bond as aforesaid, and so continue to appoint until a treasurer qualifies as herein provided; provided, that such new treasurer so taking the place made vacant by death, removal or resignation, shall not collect nor take charge of any of the taxes that may be in hands of said late treasurer uncollected, and for which the bonds of said late treasurer are responsible; but such taxes shall be collected under existing laws applicable to collection of State and county taxes when there is death or resignation.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1965.*

Approved April 8, 1965.