

CHAPTER 541

(Senate Bill 539)

AN ACT to add new Section 73A to the Code of Public Local Laws of Charles County (1965 Edition, being Article 9 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Charles County", subtitle "County Commissioners", to follow immediately after Section 73 thereof, and to be under the new subheading "Director of Finance", providing for the establishment of the Office of Director of Finance in Charles County and setting forth the qualifications, tenure, duties and responsibilities of such an office.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Section 73A be and it is hereby added to the Code of Public Local Laws of Charles County (1965 Edition, being Article 9 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Charles County", subtitle "County Commissioners", to follow immediately after Section 73 thereof, and to be under the new subheading "Director of Finance", and to read as follows:

Director of Finance

73A.

(a) *There is hereby established the Office of the Director of Finance of Charles County and the County Commissioners of Charles County are hereby authorized to appoint a Director of Finance of a salary to be fixed by said Commissioners. The said Director shall hold office for a term as directed by the County Commissioners and will execute in favor of the County Commissioners of Charles County a bond of such amount as they shall prescribe, with appropriate corporate surety to be approved by them. The premium for the bond shall be paid out of county funds. The Director shall be selected solely on the basis of his executive, administrative and fiscal abilities, with particular reference to his actual experience in the knowledge of accepted practice and procedure respecting duties of his office as set forth in this section.*

(b) *The Director of Finance shall devote his full time to the work of the county, and he shall be responsible to the County Commissioners for the proper administration of his affairs. The Director of Finance may employ, with the approval of the County Commissioners, such assistants as he may deem necessary for the proper performance of his duties. He shall at all times be held responsible for the proper discharge of his duties, but may delegate such authority as he deems necessary to carry out the duties of his office to appropriate officers and employees. During his temporary absence or disability, the duties of the Director of Finance shall be performed by a qualified administrative officer of the county designated in writing by the Director, or by resolution of the County Commissioners in the event the Director fails or is unable to make such designation.*

(c) *The Director of Finance shall have the following powers and duties:*

(1) *To supervise the financial administration of each office, department, board, commission, institution or other agency of county government of any kind; to periodically study and investigate the*