

CHAPTER 139.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments, section 44 of article 14 of volume 2 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Howard County," sub-title "County Commissioners and County Collectors," and to add five additional sections thereto, to be known and designated as section 44 A, 44 B, 44 C, 44 D and 44 E respectively.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That section 44 of article 14 of volume 2, of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Howard County," sub-title "County Commissioners and County Collectors," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments so as to read as follows :

SEC. 44 A. The county commissioners of Howard County shall at their first regular meeting, held in the month of May in each year, annually appoint some suitable person, who shall be a resident of said county, clerk to their board, who, before entering upon the duties of his said office, shall make oath in due form of law before the clerk of the Circuit Court for said county, to well and faithfully perform the duties of clerk to the County Commissioners of Howard County, and shall also execute and deliver to said county commissioners a good and sufficient bond with such surety or sureties as may be approved by them, in the penalty of twenty thousand (\$20,000) dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties as clerk to the said county commissioners, which said bond shall be recorded in the office of the clerk of the Circuit Court for said county, and a copy thereof, duly certified by said clerk, shall be evidence in any court in this State; and should said clerk fail to execute such bond as aforesaid, within thirty days after he shall have been appointed, or should said office at any time become vacant by reason of death, resignation or otherwise, the said county commissioners shall, within fifteen days thereafter, proceed to fill the same by the appointment of some such suitable person for the remainder of the term for which said appointment shall have been made, and such appointee shall in like manner make oath and execute a bond for the performance of his duties in the manner and within the time aforesaid.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the five following sections be and the same are hereby added to said article 14, to stand immediately after section 44, and be known and designated as sections 44 A, 44 B, 44 C, 44 D and 44 E respectively: