

*for cause and after a hearing in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Administrative Procedures Act.*

*(13) The Board of County Commissioners shall include all of the members of the Police Force in the Maryland State Retirement System as provided by Sections 21 to 30 of Article 73B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition).*

*(14) No members of the Police Force shall engage in any political activity.*

~~SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the Board of County Commissioners shall on June 1, 1959 immediately commence the organization of the Police Force in accordance with the provisions of this act. However, the members of the Police Force shall not take office until June 1, 1960 and the Police Force shall not assume its official functions and jurisdiction until June 1, 1960.~~

~~SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1959.~~

SEC. 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, THAT BEFORE THIS ACT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE, IT SHALL FIRST BE SUBMITTED TO THE LEGALLY QUALIFIED VOTERS OF CHARLES COUNTY AT THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN NOVEMBER, 1960. THE COST OF SUCH ELECTION SHALL BE BORNE BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY. THERE SHALL BE PRINTED ON THE BALLOTS OR BALLOT LABELS, TO BE USED AT SAID ELECTION, THE TITLE OF THIS ACT AND UNDERNEATH SAID TITLE, ON SEPARATE LINES, A SQUARE OR BOX TO THE RIGHT OF AND OPPOSITE THE WORDS "FOR THE POLICE FORCE ACT", AND A CORRESPONDING SQUARE OR BOX TO THE RIGHT OF AND OPPOSITE THE WORDS "AGAINST THE POLICE FORCE ACT", SO THAT THE VOTERS OF SAID COUNTY, SHALL BE ABLE TO DESIGNATE HIS OR HER DECISION FOR OR AGAINST SAID ACT. IF A MAJORITY OF THE VOTES CAST IN SAID ELECTION SHALL BE "FOR THE POLICE FORCE ACT", THEN THIS ACT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE, BUT IF A MAJORITY OF THE VOTES CAST SHALL BE "AGAINST THE POLICE FORCE ACT", THEN THIS ACT SHALL BE OF NO EFFECT AND SHALL BE NULL AND VOID.

SEC. 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, THAT IF A MAJORITY OF THE VOTES CAST IN SAID ELECTION SHALL BE "FOR THE POLICE FORCE ACT", THEN THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ARE AUTHORIZED TO COMMENCE ORGANIZING THE POLICE FORCE IMMEDIATELY. THE POLICE FORCE SHALL ASSUME ITS OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS AND JURISDICTIONS IMMEDIATELY AT THE EXPIRATION OF THE PRESENT TERM OF OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF OF CHARLES COUNTY.

SEC. 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, THAT THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT ON JUNE 1, 1959.

Approved April 28, 1959.