

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 319A of Article 22 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Washington County", sub-title "Hagerstown", as amended by Chapter 600 of the Acts of 1939, be and it is hereby repealed, and that a new Section 319A, to stand in the place and stead of the section so separated, be and it is hereby enacted in lieu thereof, to read as follows:

319A. The Central Purchasing Department is hereby created. The head of this department shall be the City Purchasing Agent, who shall direct its operations and who shall perform the duties and exercise the powers heretofore imposed or conferred upon or which may hereafter be imposed or conferred upon the Central Purchasing Department.

At the first regular meeting in April of each year, or as soon thereafter as may be convenient, the Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Council, shall appoint a City Purchasing Agent who shall hold office until the first regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of Hagerstown in April of each following year or until his successor qualifies and in case of any vacancy or removal of the agent so appointed, the Mayor shall fill such vacancy for the unexpired term with the advice and consent of the Council as hereinbefore provided.

The City Purchasing Agent shall be a person with broad and thorough experience in purchasing and shall be of known ability as an executive in the field of purchasing.

The City Purchasing Agent shall be paid such salary as may be provided by resolution or ordinance passed by the Mayor and Council of Hagerstown, the power and authority to fix and stipulate such salary being hereby expressly conferred upon the Mayor and Council of Hagerstown. The said City Purchasing Agent shall appoint from lists furnished by the said Mayor and Council, such assistants, aides and clerks and other help as may be necessary for the proper conduct of said bureau or department. The compensation, as well as the number of such appointees, shall be subject to the approval of the Mayor and Council.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1948.

Approved June 1, 1948.

CHAPTER 77

(House Bill 59)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 14, 14A and 14B(1) of Article 52 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Justices of the