

A BILL

Entitled, an act to provide for the prompt collection and payment of the fees of office required by the first section of the tenth article of the Constitution, to be paid into the Treasury.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall be the duty of the Clerks of the several Courts of this State, the Clerk of the Criminal Court of Baltimore excepted, the Register of Wills, and State's Attorneys, other than the State's Attorney of Baltimore city, to prepare, in the manner now prescribed by law and to place in the hands of the Sheriffs of the respective counties and of Baltimore city for collection, according to law, annually, on or before the first day of March of each and every year, all fees which shall have accrued in their respective offices and have not been paid in cash, during the twelve months next preceding the said first day of March, and thereupon or within thirty days thereafter, it shall be the duty of the said sheriffs and they are hereby required to transmit to the Comptroller of the Treasury Department, a statement or statements in writing, verified by oath or affirmation, of the several amounts of fees so placed in their respective hands for collection, by each of the aforesaid officers; and it shall further, be the duty of the said sheriffs, on or before the twentieth day of October next, thereafter, and on or before the same day in each succeeding year, to return to the said several officers, a full list of all such fees with the several amounts thereof as may be due and owing by persons who are non-residents or insolvents, a duplicate whereof, verified by oath or affirmation, shall be forthwith transmitted by the said respective sheriffs to the Comptroller of the Treasury Department.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the Clerks of the Circuit Courts of this State, the Clerk of the Criminal Court of Baltimore, the State's Attorneys and Sheriffs of the several counties and the city of Baltimore, on or before the first day of March in each and every year, to make out and deliver to the County Commissioners of their respective counties, and to the Register of the city of Baltimore, a full account of all fees, costs and emoluments due to them respectively, which may have accrued during the twelve months next preceding the said first day of March, and are properly chargeable to the said counties