

CHAPTER 423.

AN ACT to add new sections to Article 2 of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Anne Arundel County," sub-title "County Commissioners," to be designated Sections 126B, 126C and 126D, authorizing the County Commissioners to have witnesses summoned to testify before them.

Anne Arundel County. County Commissioners. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That additional sections be added to Article 2 of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Anne Arundel County," sub-title "County Commissioners," to be designated Sections 126B, 126C and 126D, and to read as follows:

May issue summons for witnesses. Sec. 126B. Authority is vested in the County Commissioners whenever, in their discretion, the public interests require them so to do, to issue summons for witnesses to testify before them as to any matters relating to the opening, closing, altering or repairing public roads, building or repairing hedges and as to any claims or demands presented against the county or appropriation asked for; such summons to be issued by the Clerk to the County Commissioners on their order and directed to the sheriff of the county, who is authorized and required to serve such process in like manner as if the same issued from a court of law, and he shall be allowed the usual fees for such service as are allowed by law; witnesses summoned and testifying before the County Commissioners may be allowed a fee not exceeding the per diem now allowed witnesses in equity cases, but no allowance shall be made to a witness attending who is brought under an attachment.

Fees.

Clerk Circuit Court may compel attendance of witnesses. 126C. When any person is summoned to testify before the County Commissioners and shall refuse or neglect to obey said summons the County Commissioners may immediately certify such default under the hand of their clerk and seal of their office to the Clerk of the Circuit Court, who shall forthwith issue an attachment directed to the sheriff against the person named, compelling such witness to attend and testify before the County Commissioners, returnable on such day as may be named in said certificate, which process shall be allowed to issue by the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County.

Authority to administer oath. Sec. 126D. Authority is hereby vested in the County Commissioners to take the testimony of any witness before them, whether summoned or otherwise, under oath, to be administered by the president of the board, or in his absence by one other of the Commissioners, who are authorized to