

said political parties for the selection of delegates to congressional, judicial or State conventions, or conventions called to nominate candidates for any other offices than those referred to in this Act.

Act not to apply to certain primaries.

SEC. 15. *And be it enacted*, That one-half the cost of conducting said primaries, including the cost of advertising, printing the tickets and the extra compensation of the Board of Supervisors of Elections, shall be paid by the County Commissioners and one-fourth by each of the two political parties whose primaries are conducted under the provisions of this Act, and the Supervisors of Elections shall not place upon the official ballot to be voted at the succeeding general election the names of any party candidates who have failed to comply with the provisions of this section providing for the payment of one-fourth of the cost of conducting said primary election.

Expenses to be equally met.

SEC. 16. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 7, 1904.

CHAPTER 267.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Sections 6, 7, 9 and 12 of Article 27 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "Arson and Burning," and to add two new sections to said Article 27, to be numbered and known as Sections 12A and 291D, respectively.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sections 6, 7, 9 and 12 of Article 27 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "Arson and Burning," be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

Arson.

6. Every person convicted of the crime of arson, or as being accessory thereto, shall, at the discretion of the court, suffer death, or be sentenced to the penitentiary for not more than twenty years; and the wilful and malicious burning of any dwelling house, whether the same shall be in the possession of the offender or in the possession of any other person, with the intent thereby to injure or defraud any person, shall be deemed arson under this section.

Capital punishment for same

7. If any person shall wilfully and maliciously set fire to and burn any untenanted or unfinished dwelling house, whether