

der Hardcastle, J. Allen Moore, Thomas H. Jarman, Joseph B. Orrell and John T. Dawson, Trustees, or a majority of them, are hereby authorized and empowered to sell the Oakland Camp-ground, situated in the Seventh Election District of Caroline County and State of Maryland, either at public or private sale, as they or a majority of them shall think best, and to pay the proceeds of said sale over to the treasurer of the building committee of said Greensboro Methodist Episcopal Church to be used in the erection and completion of a new church building now being erected in said town of Greensboro, Maryland.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 9, 1904.

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#### CHAPTER 44.

AN ACT to amend Article 27 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Crimes and Punishments," by repealing Section 47A, as enacted by Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1896, and re-enacting the same with amendments under the sub-title "Desertion of Wife or Child," and by adding thereto an additional section, to follow immediately after Section 47A, and to be known as Section 47B.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Article 27 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Crimes and Punishments," be and the same is hereby amended by repealing Section 47A, as enacted by Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1896, and re-enacting the same with amendments, under the sub-title "Desertion of Wife or Child," and by adding thereto an additional section, to follow immediately after Section 47A, and to be known as Section 47B.

Desertion of  
wife or child.

47A. Any person who shall without just cause desert or wilfully neglect to provide for the support and maintenance of his wife or minor child, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction in any court of the State having criminal jurisdiction, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, or imprisonment in the Maryland House of Correction, for not more than one year, or both, in the discretion of the court. The fine may be directed by the court to be paid in whole or in part to the wife. Provided,

Punishment  
for neglect-  
ing to sup-  
port wife or  
minor child.