

Commissioners shall pay or order to be paid to the Sheriff of said county, any sum of money for serving any bench-warrant or bench-warrants, or attachment or attachments, or for performing extra duty of any kind, other than those fees allowed in Article thirty-eight, section twenty-seven, of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, a petition shall be filed with said County Commissioners for each and every separate case where such extra compensation is asked, which said petition shall be carefully kept and preserved in the office of said Commissioners, and shall set forth with accuracy, particularity, minuteness, exactness and in detail the nature and kind of services for which said extra compensation is asked, the time consumed in performing the same, the circumstances attending the performance of said services, and such petition shall show clearly and plainly why any such extra compensation is asked, and why such extra services were necessary; and said petition shall be verified by the oath or affirmation, as the case may be, of the Sheriff of said county himself, and of the deputy who performed such services in case they were performed by a deputy; and it shall be the duty of said County Commissioners to examine carefully each petition so filed, in which extra compensation is asked, and to see that the requirements of this Act are strictly complied with; and said County Commissioners shall not pay, or order to be paid, any claim for extra compensation, as aforesaid, unless each and every provision of this Act is fully complied with, and unless there is annexed to each petition for extra compensation, in each and every case, an affidavit or affirmation, as the case may be, of the truth of the matters set forth in such petition, and that such extra services were absolutely and indispensably necessary in each case for which extra compensation is asked or claimed; and said County Commissioners, after all the requirements of this Act are complied with, shall then pay only such sum for extra compensation as shall appear to them to be a fair, reasonable and proper compensation, and unless fully and entirely satisfied, after examination of said petition, and other investigation if necessary in their judgment, that the extra services for which such extra compensation is claimed were absolutely necessary.

SUB-SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted,* That sub-section one shall take effect from and after the date of the passage of this Act.

The amendments proposed to the body of said bill were severally read and adopted,

And the bill as amended read a third time, (by unanimous consent,) and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill entitled an Act to authorize the Mayor and City