

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That it shall be the duty of the judges of the Circuit Court for Harford county, annually, on and after the year 1912, during the May Term of said Court, to appoint from among the taxable inhabitants of said county, without the least reference to their political opinions and of approved character for competency and integrity, three persons who shall constitute an auditing committee, whose duty it shall be to examine carefully the accounts, vouchers, books and papers of the Board of County School Commissioners and treasurer thereof for Harford county, the county treasurer of Harford county and the County Commissioners of Harford County; and to report the same in duplicate, one of said reports to be filed with the clerk of the Circuit Court for said county and one with County Commissioners of said county and the County Commissioners of said county are hereby directed to cause said report, immediately upon the filing of the same with them, to be published in two newspapers published in Harford county, for such length of time as they shall deem expedient.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the three persons, so as aforesaid appointed, within thirty days after their appointment, to take and subscribe before the clerk of the Circuit Court for Harford County an oath to well and faithfully discharge the duties of a member of said auditing committee without fear, favor or partiality; and if any person appointed as aforesaid shall for any cause fail to qualify as aforesaid, or qualifying shall refuse to act as a member of the said auditing committee, the Judges of the Circuit Court for Harford County are hereby authorized and empowered to fill said vacancy or vacancies and the said auditors shall proceed to the discharge of their duties as hereinafter set forth.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of said committee to proceed to carefully examine the accounts, vouchers, receipts and other papers connected with the receipts and disbursements of the public money of the county treasurer of Harford county and of the County Commissioners of Harford County on the third Monday of June following their appointment, of the Board of County School Commissioners and the treasurer thereof on the third Monday of August following their appointment, in such manner as to show the true financial status and condition of each of the said boards and officers of the said county; and whenever it shall be deemed necessary in the judgment of the said committee, or be required by any five or more respectable taxpayers of Harford county, they shall summon such persons as may be by them deemed necessary or