

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That said commission is hereby empowered to summon witnesses to appear before it and to examine witnesses under oath administered by an officer of the State authorized to administer oaths.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That said commission is hereby directed to report the results of its investigation with such recommendations as it may approve, to the next session of the General Assembly.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That the invalidity of any section or of any part of this act shall not affect in any way the validity of any other sections or of any other parts of this act.

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 11, 1912.

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#### CHAPTER 597.

AN ACT to provide employment at hard labor for certain classes of prisoners who may be confined in the County Jail of Garrett county or other persons of Garrett county under sentence imposed by the Circuit Court for Garrett County or any of the justices of the peace of said county having criminal jurisdiction.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That certain additional sections, to be numbered 251, 252, 253 and 254, under sub-title "Crimes and Punishments," be and the same are hereby added to Article 20 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Garrett County," and sections to be and remain a part of the local law for Garrett county.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That in addition to any sentence of confinement in the County Jail of Garrett county which may be imposed in cases of conviction for assault, drunkenness, disorderly conduct, disturbing the public peace, vagrancy or petit larceny, where the punishment described by law shall not exceed one year's imprisonment in the penitentiary or house of correction by the Circuit Court for Garrett County, or any justice of the peace for Garrett county having criminal jurisdiction, said Court or justice may, in the discretion of said Court or justice, also in said sentence direct that any prisoner over sixteen years of age who may be convicted of any of the offences enumerated as above shall be subject to perform hard