

in their official capacity, or for the annual reports of the commission in the ordinary course of distribution. All fees charged and collected by the commission shall belong to the State of Maryland and shall be paid monthly, accompanied by a detailed statement thereof, into the treasury of the State, and become part of the general funds of the State; provided, however, that one-fourth of all such fees charged and collected, as aforesaid, shall be paid to the mayor and city council of Baltimore.

1910, ch. 180, sec. 9 (p. 351).

421. All subpoenas shall be signed and issued by the commissioners or by the secretary of the commission, and may be served by any person of full age. The fees of witnesses required to attend before the commission or a commissioner shall, where the hearing is in Baltimore city, be the same as allowed by the courts of Baltimore city for the attendance of witnesses in cases before them, and where the hearing is in any of the counties, shall be the same as allowed by the circuit court of the county in which the hearing takes place, for attendance of witnesses before it, and the disbursements made in the payment of such fees shall be duly audited in accordance with a due and satisfactory method of auditing and bookkeeping, and shall be included in and paid in the same manner as is provided for the payment of other expenses of the commission. It shall be the duty of every public officer, without exacting or receiving charge or fee of any kind, to furnish to the commission, upon its application, a certified copy of any document, or part thereof, on file in his office, and no public officer shall be entitled to receive from the commission any fee for entering, filing, docketing or recording any document required or authorized by law to be filed in his office.

If a person subpoenaed to attend before the commission or a commissioner fail to obey the command of such subpoena, without reasonable cause, or if a person in attendance before the commission or a commissioner shall, without a reasonable cause, refuse to be sworn or to be examined, or answer a question, or to produce a book or paper when ordered to do so by the commission or a commissioner, or to subscribe or swear to his deposition after it has been correctly produced in writing, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and may be prosecuted therefor in any court of competent criminal jurisdiction.

If a person in attendance before the commission or a commissioner refuse, without reasonable cause, to be examined, or to answer a legal and pertinent question, or to produce a book or paper when ordered to do so by the commission or commissioner, the commission or commissioner may apply to any judge of the supreme bench of Baltimore city or of the circuit court for any county, upon proof by affidavit of the fact, for a rule or order returnable in not less than two nor more than five days, directing such person to show cause before the judge who made the order, or any other judge aforesaid, why he should not be committed to jail; upon the return of such order, the judge before whom the matter shall come on for a hearing shall examine under oath