

other offence is charged in the indictment, not to exceed ten dollars, provided, that no fee shall be paid where the accused pleads guilty, nor where there has not been an actual trial, and, provided further, that this section shall not be taken to change or repeal the appearance fees allowed by the general law.

AUDITING COMMITTEES.

1914, ch. 362, sec. 1. 1918 Code, sec. 23.

23. It shall be the duty of the Judges of the Circuit Court for Frederick County, annually, at the May term of said court, to appoint from among representative taxpayers of said county, and without the least reference to their political opinions, and known for their honesty, integrity, sound judgment and aptitude for skillful accounting, 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 Commissioners of Frederick County, the Commissioners of Charities and Corrections of Frederick County, the Board of School Commissioners and treasurer thereof of Frederick County, and the treasurer of Frederick County, annually. The members of the said Auditing Committee, or a majority thereof, shall institute such comparisons and make such suggestions, observations, deductions and criticisms in connection with and as part of their report as will give the citizens of the county an intelligent understanding of all receipts and expenditures of public moneys. They shall formulate and publish in pamphlet form, not later than the first day of October of each year, a report containing a full, accurate, itemized statement in the minutest detail of all receipts and disbursements properly grouped and classified. They shall ask bids from practical printers to print at least two thousand copies of said report annually, and shall accept the lowest responsible bid. They shall distribute by mail not less than one thousand copies to representative citizens of the county and place the remaining copies of the report in the office of the County Commissioners of Frederick County to be distributed in such manner as said County Commissioners may adopt, and the County Commissioners of Frederick County shall pay all costs of printing and distributing said report.

1914, ch. 362, sec. 2. 1918 Code, sec. 24.

24. It shall be the duty of the three persons appointed as aforesaid, within thirty days after their appointment, to take and subscribe before the clerk of the Circuit Court for Frederick County an oath to well and faithfully discharge the duties of a member of the 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 said Auditing Committee, the remaining member or members of said committee are hereby authorized and empowered to fill said vacancy or vacancies, and proceed to the discharge of the duties of the said committee as hereinafter set forth.