

death, resignation, removal from the county, or other disqualification of any auditor so appointed and qualified, it shall be the duty of said judges to supply the vacancy so caused, at the next ensuing term of their said court, by the appointment of a new auditor for the unexpired term of his predecessor.

1884, ch. 496.

29. The auditor when appointed as aforesaid shall qualify by taking an oath before the clerk of said court that he will obey the constitution of the United States and of the State of Maryland, and the laws passed in pursuance thereof, and will execute the duties attached to his said office to the best of his ability, fairly and without favor, partiality or prejudice; it shall be the duty of said auditor once in each year, not later if practicable than April the first, to make a thorough examination of the books of the county commissioners of Dorchester county and their treasurer and clerks, their and his receipts, accounts, disbursements and vouchers, and make a full report of the results of such examination to the said judges one month before the April term of court of each year, setting forth how much of the preceding levies have been disbursed, with the vouchers therefor, how much has remained uncollected, and how much is in cash in the hands of the treasurer; also the precise status of the sinking fund; how much has been appropriated to the purchase and cancellation of county bonds; how much has been invested in mortgages, and how much remains uninvested in the hands of the treasurer of the said board of county commissioners. He shall make a full and accurate examination of the finances of said county since the last previous audit, and report the same as he finds them to said court as aforesaid; and shall also publish a copy of his report in one or more newspapers published in said county, or by handbills, as the county commissioners may direct, for the information and satisfaction of the people.

Ibid.

30. Said auditor shall have full power to inspect the books, vouchers, accounts and other public records of the said commissioners' office and their treasurer, and to summon said treasurer before him with such records as he, the auditor, may deem proper.