

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this amending act shall go into operation and have effect immediately upon and after its passage, and the General Assembly may at any time alter or repeal it. In force.

Approved April 1, 1878.

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CHAPTER 384.

AN ACT to authorize the County Commissioners of Talbot county to pay O. P. Sparks, late Sheriff of Talbot county, for services rendered in the enforcement of the oyster law, and to pay certain persons therein named for their services as special police during the trial of violators of the oyster laws, at Saint Michael's, in Talbot county.

Whereas, in the trial of certain persons charged with violation of the oyster law of the State, at Saint Michael's, on the seventeenth day of April, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, serious disturbances were apprehended, the sheriff of the county was directed by the State's Attorney of said county, by letter dated April fourteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, to summon a *posse committatus* of one hundred men as a special police, to preserve the peace during said trials; and Preamble.

Whereas said summons was duly made in obedience to the orders of the State's Attorney by said sheriff, and said citizens assembled in obedience to said summons, and performed the duties of special police required of them, and for which service they are entitled to be paid; and Preamble.

Whereas said sheriff is entitled to the usual fees for serving summons in such cases, and for his attendance at said trial: therefore, Preamble.