

of such officer or officers and empowering the County Commissioners to levy upon the taxable real and personal property of the particular designated locality or localities a special tax for the purpose of compensating said officer or officers appointed within said locality or localities, and providing for the appointment within said locality or localities of a clerk or clerks who shall perform such duties, and be paid such compensation, as directed and allowed by the County Commissioners.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 231, 232, 233, 234 and 235, as amended, of Article 14 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Howard County", sub-title "Police", be and they are hereby repealed and that Sections 231, 232, 233, 234 and 235 be, and they are hereby enacted in lieu thereof, which said sections shall read as follows:

231. The County Commissioners of Howard County shall appoint a police officer or officers, to act as such within any designated locality or localities in Howard County, as they in their discretion deem reasonable and proper for the protection of persons and property within any such designated locality or localities, as the case may be; they shall equip and arm said police officer or officers and make such rules and regulations for their proper government and discipline as they may deem best to promote the efficiency of the said officers.

232. It shall be the duty of each police officer so appointed, at such time of the day or night he may be on duty, to preserve the public peace, prevent crime and protect the rights of persons and property and to arrest all offenders against the laws of the State and to take such offenders to the nearest Trial Magistrate for said County; and to this end the police officer or officers so appointed shall be peace officers in and for Howard County.

233. The County Commissioners of said County shall have the power to levy annually a sufficient sum, upon the taxable property within any designated locality or localities, as the case may be, in Howard County, to pay the salaries of said officers, and for such other and proper expenses as they in their judgement deem reasonable and proper.

234. The said County Commissioners shall also have the power to appoint a clerk or clerks, who shall also be