

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 169 to 172, inclusive, of Article 2 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Anne Arundel County," sub-title "Brooklyn," Sections 295 to 297, inclusive, of said Article, sub-title "Germantown and Vicinity," and Section 237 of said Article, sub-title "County Commissioners," be and they are hereby repealed, and that nine new sections be and they are hereby enacted in lieu thereof, said new sections to be known as Sections 406A to 406H, inclusive, to be under a new sub-title "Police Department," and to read as follows:

406A. The County Commissioners of Anne Arundel County are hereby directed, authorized and required to create a Police Force for the preservation of law and order and for the protection of persons and property in Anne Arundel County, said Police Force to be known as "Anne Arundel County Police Department." The County Commissioners of Anne Arundel County are authorized and required to appoint such number of police officers for Anne Arundel County as they may deem necessary; provided that said Police Department shall not at any time exceed twenty-three (23) active members. All appointments to the Anne Arundel County Police Department shall be made from the qualified voters of Anne Arundel County, and the County Commissioners of Anne Arundel County shall provide printed application blanks upon which each applicant shall set forth in his own handwriting his full name and age, place and State of birth, his occupation for five years preceding his application and such other information as the County Commissioners may require, touching the merits and fitness of the applicant; such application shall be signed by the applicant and shall contain the affidavit of the applicant executed before a Notary Public of the State of Maryland that the information set forth on said application is true and correct; such application shall further contain certificates executed by not less than four reputable citizens who are owners of real estate in Anne Arundel County that they have known the applicant for not less than three years and that his character, reputation, and habits are such as recommend and qualify him for duty as a police officer and that he is in all respects fit and qualified for such duty; provided, however, that no person shall be appointed on the Anne Arundel County Police Department who is less than twenty-four nor more than forty years of age, and who shall not have been found physically and mentally qualified to perform and discharge the duties of a police officer by the Board of Police Examiners of Anne Arundel County and no such appointment shall be made until the applicant shall have filed with the County Commissioners of Anne Arundel County a certificate from said Board