

George's County Police. In addition thereto, the said Police Commissioners shall appoint a Desk Clerk for the County Police, who shall not, however, be a policeman, but who shall keep the police records at the substation in the upper portion of the County and perform such other duties as may be assigned him by the Superintendent of Police. In case it may be found by the Police Commissioners that it is impossible or inadvisable for the police records at police headquarters to be kept by the Clerk of the Police Court, as now provided, then and in that event, the Police Commissioners are authorized to appoint an additional Desk Clerk for the keeping of such records and the performance of such other duties as may be assigned him by the Superintendent of Police, such additional clerk, however, not to be a policeman. All applications for appointment to the Police Force shall be made upon printed blanks to be furnished by the Police Commissioners, wherein the applicant shall state, under oath, his full name and age, his residence, the election district in which he is a qualified voter, the place and state of his birth, his occupation for two years preceding his application and such other information as the Police Commissioners may require concerning his merits and fitness. No person shall be appointed on the Police Force of Prince George's County who is not a resident and qualified voter of the County, or who is less than twenty-one (21) years of age, or more than forty-five years of age, except that these requirements may be waived by the Police Commissioners in the case of the Superintendent. Each applicant must pass a mental and a physical examination and no person shall be appointed who has not successfully passed such examinations, but applicants who are members of the existing police force shall not be required to pass the physical examination. The Police Commissioners shall prescribe the manner and method of conducting the mental examinations, which shall be public and intended to test the qualifications of each applicant including, among other things, his education, his experience and his mental adaptability. Public notice of such examinations shall be given by the Police Commissioners by such advertisement as they may prescribe, which advertisement shall include the last day on which applications will be received for such examination. In the case of the initial appointments to be made to the Police Force, the Police Commissioners may, in their discretion, waive the age limit and the necessity of the mental examination as to the members of the existing Police Force in Prince George's County who may be applicants for appointment to the force hereby created. Each newly appointed officer shall serve a probationary period of six (6) months during which time he may be dropped from the rolls at any time in the discretion of the