

DUTIES NOW IMPOSED UPON HIMSELF BY LAW, BY THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION OR OTHERWISE.

27-7. ANNUAL LEVY AUTHORIZED FOR CIRCUIT COURT PERSONNEL AND EXPENSES; PENALTY PROVISIONS.

IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO LEVY FOR THE USE OF THE TREASURER OF CHARLES COUNTY, ANNUALLY IN ADVANCE, SUCH SUM OF MONEY AS THEY MAY DEEM SUFFICIENT TO DISCHARGE ALL CLAIMS WHICH MAY ACCRUE FOR THE ATTENDANCE OF BAILIFFS, CRIER, MESSENGERS, JURORS AND WITNESSES FOR THE TERM OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ONE (1) YEAR NEXT SUCCEEDING THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY AFTER SAID LEVY, AND SAID TREASURER SHALL COLLECT AND HAVE READY SAID MONEY TO PAY SAID BAILIFFS, CRIER, MESSENGERS, JURORS AND WITNESSES, IN CASH, AT AND DURING SAID TERMS OF COURT AND IMMEDIATELY UPON THE ADJOURNMENT THEREOF UPON A CERTIFICATE FROM THE CLERK OF SAID COURT AS TO THE AMOUNT DUE TO EACH OF THE SAME. ANY FAILURE UPON THE PART OF SAID COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO MAKE SAID LEVY AS AFORESAID SHALL BE DEEMED A MISDEMEANOR, FOR WHICH THEY SHALL BE LIABLE TO THE PENALTY OF A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.) NOR MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.) EACH, UPON CONVICTION BEFORE A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE OR THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CHARLES COUNTY AS IN THE CASE OF OTHER MISDEMEANORS IN WHICH JUSTICES OF THE PEACE AND THE CIRCUIT COURT HAVE CONCURRENT JURISDICTION UNDER THE EXISTING LAW. IN CASE SAID TREASURER SHALL FAIL TO COLLECT SAID MONEY, UNLESS IT SHALL BE KNOWN IN HIS DEFENSE THAT THE FAILURE TO COLLECT THE SAME WAS THROUGH NO FAULT OR NEGLIGENCE ON HIS PART, HE SHALL BE SIMILARLY FINED AS IN THE CASE OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AS AFORESAID AND SHALL BE LIABLE TO REMOVAL FROM OFFICE BY SAID COUNTY COMMISSIONERS UPON CONVICTION.

27-8. (RESERVED)

27-9. CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORIZED; OPERATION BY NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.

A. OPERATION AND CONTROL; APPROPRIATION. THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY ARE AUTHORIZED TO CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE A HOSPITAL OR HOSPITALS IN SAID COUNTY. THE OPERATION AND CONTROL MAY BE EXERCISED THROUGH A BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, AND SAID COMMISSIONERS MAY APPROPRIATE SUCH SUMS AS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THE PROPER OPERATION OF SAID HOSPITAL FACILITIES.

B. AGREEMENT FOR OPERATION BY NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION;