

125-4. GENERAL REGULATIONS.

A. COMPOSITION. THE OFFICE OF SHERIFF OF CHARLES COUNTY CONSISTS OF:

- (1) THE SHERIFF AND DEPUTY SHERIFFS AS AUTHORIZED BY ARTICLE 87, § 37(H).
- (2) THE BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY.
- (3) SUCH OTHER EMPLOYEES AS ARE AUTHORIZED BY PUBLIC GENERAL OR PUBLIC LOCAL LAW.

B. LOCATION OF OFFICE; ACQUISITION AND USE OF FACILITIES. THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF IS LOCATED AT LA PLATA. IT SHALL USE THE FACILITIES OF THE COURTHOUSE AT LA PLATA FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ITS OFFICE, AND THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IS AUTHORIZED TO CONSTRUCT OR ACQUIRE ANY OTHER FACILITIES FOR THE USE OF THE SHERIFF.

C. BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

(1) THE BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY IS COMPOSED OF THREE (3) MEMBERS, ALL OF WHOM ARE RESIDENTS OF CHARLES COUNTY FOR TWO (2) YEARS PRIOR TO THEIR MEMBERSHIP. ONE OF THE MEMBERS IS ONE OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; THE SECOND IS APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND MAY NOT BE AN ELECTED OFFICIAL; AND THE THIRD IS APPOINTED BY A MAJORITY OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF CHARLES COUNTY TO THE STATE LEGISLATURE. THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SHALL SERVE FOR FOUR (4) YEARS, EXCEPT THAT THE MEMBER WHO ALSO SERVES AS A COUNTY COMMISSIONER SHALL SERVE FROM THE TIME OF THE APPOINTMENT UNTIL THE FOLLOWING ELECTION FOR THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

(2) APPOINTMENT AND COMPENSATION OF MEDICAL EXAMINER. THE BOARD SHALL APPOINT AN EXPERIENCED PHYSICIAN TO SERVE AS MEDICAL EXAMINER. IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER TO EXAMINE ALL APPLICANTS FOR APPOINTMENT AS A DEPUTY SHERIFF AS TO THEIR PHYSICAL AND MENTAL QUALIFICATIONS. THE MEDICAL EXAMINER SHALL BE PAID ON THE BASIS OF HIS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED AND SHALL BE REMOVED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ONLY FOR CAUSE AND AFTER A HEARING.

(3) EMPLOYMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL; VACANCIES; OATH. THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SHALL BE EMPOWERED TO EMPLOY SUCH ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO ADMINISTER THEIR OFFICE. ALL VACANCIES ON THE BOARD SHALL BE FILLED FOR ANY UNEXPIRED TERMS IN THE SAME