

**CHAP. 224.** nemy consulted, by placing the said jail and custody of the prisoners under the charge of a person whose liability to removal from office shall afford a guarantee for his good behaviour in office:

Seven Visitors  
of Jail to be ap-  
pointed

1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the governor, by and with the consent of the council, shall and may, on or before the first day of September eighteen hundred and twenty-seven, and annually thereafter, appoint and commission seven discreet and judicious persons, four of whom shall be residents of the city of Baltimore, and three residents of Baltimore county; any three of whom shall be competent to transact any business, or perform any of the duties prescribed by this act, to be styled The Visitors and Governors of the Jail of Baltimore County, and in case of the death, resignation, or removal from the said city or county, of any of said visitors and governors, within the year for which he or they shall have been appointed, the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the council, shall immediately thereafter supply such vacancy or vacancies, by appointing and commissioning another fit person or persons, residing within the said city or county, as the case may be.

Appointment to  
be made annually

2. *And be it enacted,* That said visitors and governors shall hold their said commissions for one year from the first day of September annually, and until others shall be appointed in their places; and the said visitors and governors shall have full power and authority, as often as they may deem it necessary, to visit and inspect the said jail, and the prisoners confined therein, and to make by-laws for the internal police and good government thereof, and preservation of the building, and other property connected therewith.

Warden of Jail  
to be appointed

3. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the said visitors and governors, on or before the first Monday in October eighteen hundred and twenty-seven, to appoint some fit and suitable person, to be styled Warden of the Jail of Baltimore County, who shall take charge of the said prison and prisoners therein, and exercise, during his continuance in office, the same powers, and be subject to the same penalties and forfeitures, and responsible for escapes, in the same manner as the sheriff of the respective counties are subject to in relation to prisoners committed to their custody.

Possession of  
Jail to be deliver-  
ed up to him

4. *And be it enacted,* That the present sheriff of Baltimore county, when his term in office shall have expired by the election of a new sheriff for said county, shall deliver up to the said warden of the jail of Baltimore county, and not to the succeeding sheriff, the possession of said jail, and all prisoners therein, in the same manner, and to the same legal effect, as he would by law be obliged to do, to a succeeding sheriff, if this law had not passed; and the receipt of said warden, for the said prisoners, shall protect said sheriff from all responsibility for any escape of prisoners after its date, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

To give bond

5. *And be it enacted,* That before said warden shall enter upon the duties of his office, he shall give bond to the state, in the penalty of ten thousand dollars, with at least two securities