

CHAPTER 428.

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AN ACT to add two additional Sections to Article 3 of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Baltimore County," to follow immediately after Section 174 of said Article, subtitle "Police and Police Stations," and to be known as Sections 174 A and 174 B.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That two additional sections be, and the same hereby are added to Article 3, Code of Public Local Laws, title "Baltimore County," to follow section 174 of said Article, and to be known as sections 174 A and 174 B. New sections added.

174 A. All appointments hereafter made to the police force of Baltimore county shall be made from the qualified voters thereof, and all applications for such appointments shall be made upon printed blanks to be furnished free of charge by the County Commissioners, wherein the applicant shall set forth in his own handwriting his full name and age, the place and State of his birth, his occupation for two years preceding his application, and such other information as the commissioners may require touching the merit and fitness of the applicant for the position for which he applies; such application shall be signed by the applicant, with his affidavit that the facts therein set forth are true to the best of his knowledge and belief, and shall contain blanks to be filled in by four reputable citizens of said county, certifying that the applicant is known to them for not less than one year, and in character and habits, to the best of their knowledge and belief is in all respects fit for the service which he wishes to enter. All appointments shall be hereafter made from applications filed not less than one month or more than two years previous to such appointment; such appointee shall not be less than twenty-one nor more than forty-five years of age; all officers shall be retired from service at an age not exceeding fifty-eight years. How appointments shall be made.

174 B. The County Commissioners may at any time remove any officer from police service for any offense against law or good morals, for neglect of duty, inefficiency, physical or mental disability or breach of discipline; provided, the charge or reason for which such removal may be made is first reduced to writing; and after due notice given such officer, he shall be given a hearing before the commissioners on written charge or reason for removal, with opportunity to produce evidence in his own defense; counsel may be heard only in the discretion of the commissioners, whose decision of the case shall be final; police officers after appointment shall serve until removal May remove officers for neglect of duty.