

appear from the said list to be due persons for their attendance as State's witnesses, which sum of money shall be paid over to the several persons entitled thereto by the Treasurer of the county, upon presentation of the certificate of the clerk of said court of the attendance of State's witnesses, and the sums respectively due thereof.

451. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to deprive the Circuit Court for said county of the discretionary power of ordering the costs of any case, including the attendance of State's witnesses, to be paid by the defendant, or to disallow any witnesses' attendance.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall not affect or impair any right vested or acquired and existing at the time of the passage of said Act; provided, that this section shall not be construed to make irrevocable or irrevocable any right which before the passage of this Act was revocable or revocable; nor shall said Act impair, discharge or release any contract, obligation, duty, liability or penalty whatever now existing. All suits and actions, both civil and criminal, pending or which may hereafter be instituted for causes of action now existing or offenses already committed against any law or regulation repealed by this Act, shall be instituted, proceeded with and prosecuted to final determination and judgment as if this Act had not been passed.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That all laws and parts of laws now in force relating or applicable to Baltimore county, and not included in this Act, and not inconsistent with this Act, and all rules and regulations of the County Commissioners of Baltimore county, heretofore passed in any lawful capacity, and not inconsistent with this Act, shall be and they are hereby continued until changed or repealed, respectively, by the General Assembly of Maryland or said County Commissioners acting as aforesaid in any lawful capacity; provided, that all Acts or parts of Acts passed at the session of the General Assembly of Maryland in the year nineteen hundred and eight relating to Baltimore county, or in any manner amending or adding to article 3 of the Public Local Laws, as said article existed before the passage of this Act, shall in no wise be affected by the passage of this Act but all such laws shall have the same force and effect as if this Act had not been passed.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That all officers provided for or named in said Act, whether by election or appointment, shall continue to hold, exercise and discharge