

"Jurors," to follow section 136, and be designated as sections 136A, 136B, 136C and 136D, respectively, providing for a clerk to the grand juries of said county, defining his duties and imposing a penalty for the violation thereof.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the four following sections be and they are hereby added to article 3 of the Code of Public Local Laws, entitled "Baltimore County," sub-title "Jurors," to follow section 136, and be designated as 136A, 136B, 136C and 136D, respectively, and to read as follows:

136A. The judges of the Third Judicial Circuit of the State of Maryland are hereby authorized and empowered to appoint a clerk who shall be a competent stenographer, at a compensation of fifty dollars per month, to be paid by the County Commissioners of Baltimore County, which said clerk shall have authority to take and transcribe the testimony given before any grand jury in said county of Baltimore, and whenever required by the State's Attorney of said county, shall attend upon and take and transcribe the testimony given at coroner's inquests, and all of the said testimony so taken and transcribed shall be for the exclusive use and benefit of the grand jury and the State's Attorney of said county, and said clerk shall also perform such other clerical work in the said State's Attorney's office as he may be directed by the State's Attorney, without further compensation.

136B. Any clerk appointed under the provisions of the preceding section, shall, before he enters upon the duties of his office, take and subscribe before the clerk of the Circuit Court for Baltimore county, an oath that he will keep secret all matters and things occurring before such grand juries.

136C. It shall be lawful for any clerk duly appointed and qualified as herein provided, to attend and be present at the sessions of every grand jury empanelled in said county, and it shall be his duty to take in shorthand the testimony introduced before such grand juries, and to furnish to the grand jury and the State's Attorney of said county a full copy of all such testimony as such grand jury or State's Attorney shall require, and he shall not permit any other person to take a copy of the same, nor any portion thereof, nor to read the same, nor any portion thereof, nor shall he disclose the character of any of the contents of the same to any person or persons other than the grand jury or State's Attorney for said county; all of the said original minutes shall be kept in the custody of said State's Attorney, and neither the same nor a copy of the same shall be