

SEC. 412. That the County Commissioners may at any time in their judgment and discretion, remove, dismiss or discharge any officer (including the marshal or officers of any other designation or rank on said force) from the police service for any offence against law or good morals, for neglect of duty, inefficiency, physical or mental disability or breach of discipline or for the betterment of the service. The County Commissioners may punish any officer for any offense by fine, not exceeding fifty dollars, or by suspension; or they may remove, discharge or dismiss said officer, including the marshal or officers of any other designation or rank on said force as aforesaid. Provided that before the punishment, removal or dismissal of such officer, the charge or reason for such action must be reduced to writing, and due notice given the officer by serving him with a copy of the same, and that he shall be given a hearing before the Commissioners on said written charges, with opportunity to produce evidence and employ counsel in his own defense. The Commissioners shall cause to be kept in their office a minute book or books of county police in which shall be recorded a list of all applications and date of appointment of all officers of the force, any charges that may be preferred and dispositions made thereof, all fines, suspensions, death, resignations, removal, dismissal or discharges, all condemnations and all public reprimands issued by the County Commissioners and such other proceedings concerning the police force as the Commissioners may deem necessary and proper. The Commissioners may at any time make a permanent reduction in the police force.

Approved April 10th, 1918.

CHAPTER 134.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Section 97G or Article 21 of the Code of Public Local Laws of the State of Maryland, title "Talbot County", sub-title "Easton", as enacted by Chapter 458 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1906.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 97G of Article 21 of the Code of Public Local Laws of the State of Maryland, title "Talbot County", sub-title "Easton", as enacted by Chapter 458 of the Acts of*