

upon conviction thereof before any Justice of the Peace of Queen Anne's County be fined not less than five nor more than one hundred dollars, and upon refusal to pay said fine and costs shall be committed to the County Jail for a period of thirty days. All fines collected under this Section shall be paid to the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County for the use of the public roads.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 10th, 1914.

CHAPTER 356.

AN ACT to appropriate a sum of money to pay Clarence W. Perkins for legal services rendered to the State of Maryland as of Counsel in the cases instituted by the Attorney-General on behalf of the State of Maryland, against George Warfield, William H. Green, George W. Padgett and Robert J. Padgett, formerly Sheriffs of Baltimore City.

WHEREAS, On or about the second day of June, 1909, suits were instituted in the Court of Common Pleas of Baltimore City by the Attorney-General and Clarence W. Perkins, Attorneys, in the name of the State of Maryland against George Warfield, William H. Green, George W. Padgett and Robert J. Padgett, formerly Sheriffs of Baltimore City, to recover certain fees, fines and monies alleged to have come into their possession during their official terms, and to have been retained by them in violation of Article 15, Section 1, of the Constitution of the State, and

WHEREAS, While all of the suits were vigorously fought by the respective defendants, the case against William H. Green, which had been removed to the Baltimore City Court, was there tried as a test case, and that the same was taken to the Court of Appeals on two separate occasions for final judgment, and

WHEREAS, Said suit against William H. Green was successfully prosecuted on behalf of the State both in the Baltimore City Court and in the Court of Appeals, resulting in settling the question that the said Sheriffs had no constitutional right to retain certain fees, fines and monies coming into their possession in the performance of their official duties.