

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the Warden of the Maryland Penitentiary is hereby authorized and directed to provide and maintain a permanent death chamber within the confines of said Penitentiary, and which said death chamber shall have all the necessary appliances for the proper execution of felons by hanging by the neck until dead. In said death chamber shall be executed all felons upon whom the death penalty has been imposed, for offenses committed on or after January 1st, 1923. Each execution shall be conducted by the said Warden or some assistant or assistants designated by him, in the presence of, the Sheriff of the county or city where such felon was indicted, the physician of the said Penitentiary, or his assistant, and a number of respectable citizens numbering not less than six or more than twelve. Counsel for the convict and two ministers of the gospel may be present.

SEC. 4 *And be it further enacted,* That when a person is sentenced to the punishment of death, the judge presiding in the Court at which the conviction takes place, shall cause the said felon to be taken into custody by the Sheriff of the county or city where he was indicted, and to be held by him in solitary confinement as hereinafter provided when said felon is in the Penitentiary, as long as said felon shall remain within the custody of the said Sheriff, and immediately upon conviction the Clerk of the Court where the said felon was indicted shall make out, sign and deliver to the Governor of the State of Maryland, a copy of the docket entries in said case, showing fully the sentence of the Court and the date thereof, and it shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Court where such sentence is pronounced in case the indictment therein was procured in another county or city, and the case removed thereto, to immediately upon conviction and sentence, certify the proceedings to the Clerk of the Circuit Court from whence said case was removed and the duty of the Clerk of the Court upon the receipt of the mandate as to the notification to the Governor, shall be as hereinbefore provided.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That the Governor is authorized and required whenever a sentence is pronounced on any criminal by the judgment of a Court of this State, and proceedings in the case have been certified to him as hereinbefore provided, to issue a warrant to the Warden of the Maryland Penitentiary, ordering and directing him to execute said judgment at such time as in his warrant he shall appoint.