

Article be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments, so as to read as hereunder:

740A. The said Police Commissioner may at any time, subject to removal by him at his pleasure, designate some member of the police force to be Acting Police Commissioner. In case of the absence or disability of the Police Commissioner without his having designated an Acting Commissioner, the Chief Inspector of Police, or, in case of his absence or disability, the next ranking officer, or where there are two such officers of equal rank, the senior officer in date of appointment, shall be Acting Commissioner while such absence or disability continues. An Acting Police Commissioner shall receive no extra compensation for services as such. Such Acting Police Commissioner shall have, during the time in which he acts as Police Commissioner, all the powers and duties conferred by statute upon the Police Commissioner.

741. In case of the death, resignation, removal or disqualification of the Police Commissioner, the Governor shall appoint a successor for the remainder of the term so vacated, subject to the provisions of Section 740 of this Article and of the Constitution of the State.

742. The said Police Commissioner shall select some suitable person to act as secretary to the Commissioner, whose duty it shall be to take charge, by direction of the Commissioner, of all property seized or found by the police or detectives and to perform all clerical and proper duties required of him by said Commissioner; and it shall be the further duty of said secretary to perform all clerical duties devolved upon said Commissioner by law in connection with all the elections held in said city as may be required of him by said Commissioner; said secretary shall enter into bond to the State of Maryland in the same manner as is by law prescribed for said Commissioner in the sum of five thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful discharge of his duties aforesaid, and the safekeeping of all property placed in his hands as aforesaid, and shall receive the salary of thirty-five hundred dollars (\$3,500) per annum, payable monthly.

743. The Police Commissioner is hereby authorized to employ an additional officer, to be known as assistant secretary to the Commissioner, whose salary shall be twenty-three hundred dollars (\$2,300) per annum, payable monthly; and the said Commissioner is also hereby authorized to employ four