

missioners of Howard County. The Board of County Commissioners shall hear and determine all such protests, with power to administer oaths to witnesses, first notifying by registered mail with return receipt the holder of the license as well as the protestants to appear in person before the Board at the time of hearing, which time of hearing shall be not less than five (5) days nor more than fifteen (15) days after filing in the office of the County Commissioners of the protest by the Clerk of the Circuit Court, and at said hearing those interested on either side of the question shall be heard. If the Board of County Commissioners shall determine from the evidence that the person to whom the license is granted is not a fit person to have such a license; or that such person has made a material false statement in his application for the license or has practiced fraud in the application; or that the operation of the business for which the license is granted unduly disturbs the safety and peace of the neighborhood in which the place of business is located, then the license shall be revoked and the unexpired portion of the license fee shall be remitted to the holder of the license by the County Treasurer on order of the County Commissioners. If no such finding is made the petition of protest shall be dismissed. The County Commissioners shall cause their decision on all protests to be entered by written order within five (5) days after hearing such protest. No order of the County Commissioners revoking a license shall be effective until immediately after the expiration of the time for filing an appeal with the State License Bureau, as hereinafter provided; and if an appeal be filed then the order of the Board of County Commissioners shall be suspended pending the determination of the appeal. Each of the County Commissioners, for his services rendered in hearing such protests, shall be paid Ten Dollars (\$10.00) a day for each day's attendance, but not more than One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) per year to each County Commissioner for such services; such amounts to be paid by the County Treasurer on order of the County Commissioners out of receipts from liquor license fees.

212-C. Any order of the County Commissioners shall be subject to appeal to the State License Bureau provided for in Article 2-B, Sec. 48 of the Code of Public General Laws, by the holder of a license if the order of the County Commissioners be that such license is revoked; or if the order be that the petition of protest is dismissed and the license approved, then an appeal may be entered by not less than five (5) of the objectors who filed the original protest.