

may be removed for cause only after charges have been preferred and an opportunity given to be heard and he shall be paid such salary as may be fixed by the County Commissioners at the time of his appointment, not exceeding Forty-two Hundred Dollars (\$4,200.00), Six Hundred Dollars (\$600) of which salary may be charged as an expense of the operation of the Liquor Control Board of said County or its successor. The County Accountant and Comptroller shall take the oath of office prescribed by the Constitution of this State, and shall furnish a bond in a penalty and form and with surety satisfactory to the said Board, the premium for which shall be levied for and paid out of the County Tax funds. The present County Accountant shall be the County Accountant and Comptroller designated by this Act until a successor shall be appointed.

165. In addition to such duties as may from time to time be delegated to the County Accountant and Comptroller by the Board of County Commissioners he shall have the following duties:

1. To audit (a) all demands for cash made upon the County and (b) pre-audit all accounts or vouchers presented to the County Commissioners for the issuance of orders or warrants.

2. To control (a) the payment of all monies to the County Treasurer, and (b) all payments made by the County Treasurer out of funds under the control of the County Commissioners of Montgomery County by the preparation of orders or warrants for the signature of the Clerk to the County Commissioners prior to payment. In order to effect control of payments made by the County Treasurer the County Accountant and Comptroller may, by refusal to prepare an order or warrant or by the issuance of a stop payment notice to the Treasurer prevent the payment of any demand, claim, voucher, or account made against the County whether or not payment of such claim, demand, voucher or account has been authorized by the Board of County Commissioners when in his opinion such payment would be illegal, where no provision has been made by appropriation or otherwise for funds out of which to make the payment, or where the payment if made would exceed the appropriation made for the purpose. The opinion of the Attorney to the Board of County Commissioners, addressed to the County Accountant and Comptroller in writing shall, however, be binding upon the County Accountant and Comptroller as to the legality of a payment or proposed payment.

3. To prescribe the system of accounts, reports, and expenditure and receipt documents to be used by all of the of-