

of Elections. Such Custodian and Deputy Custodian shall each be paid the sum of \$10.00 per diem for each day they are engaged in the preparation, repair or maintenance of said voting machines and they shall each be paid the actual expenses incident to the operation of their automobiles in the performance of their duties as may be approved by the Board of County Commissioners. Each Custodian shall take the constitutional oath of office, which shall be filed with the said Board. The Board of County Commissioners of Montgomery County are hereby authorized and directed to pay all salaries and other expenses provided for in this section.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and being passed upon a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly of Maryland, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved June 1, 1948.

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## CHAPTER 52

(House Bill 18)

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 39A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition and 1947 Supplement), title "Forestry", said new section to be known as Section 74 and to follow immediately after Section 73 of said Article, to be under the sub-title "Gathland State Park", relating to the purchase and development of a State park at Gapland, Md.

WHEREAS, Mr. George A. Townsend, a Civil War correspondent, after traveling through Frederick and Washington Counties during his work as a correspondent, purchased a tract of 101 acres on the crest of South Mountain; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Townsend constructed there a War Correspondents' Memorial Arch as a national shrine; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Townsend lived on this property for a long number of years, it coming to be known as the GATH property; and

WHEREAS, this tract of land now has been acquired by the Frederick Chamber of Commerce, Inc. and the Historical Society of Frederick County, Inc., which organizations are