

to administer oaths and affirmations to any person or persons so summoned before him and shall require him, her, it or them to answer under oath all such questions as shall be propounded to him, her, it or them by said accountant touching the accounts, vouchers, books, papers, proceedings or any other thing pertaining to said Board of County School Commissioners and Treasurer thereof, County Treasurers, County Commissioners for Caroline County, Trial Magistrates, Constables, State's Attorneys and all other officers or agencies of Caroline County collecting, receiving or disbursing county funds, and in case any person or persons after being summoned to appear before said accountant shall refuse or neglect to attend in accordance with the requirements of said summons or shall refuse to be sworn or affirmed, or being sworn or affirmed shall refuse to answer, the person so refusing shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, before any Court of competent jurisdiction, shall be fined not to exceed one hundred dollars for each and every refusal to answer or to be sworn or affirmed and shall stand committed until the fine and costs are paid.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1945.

Approved March 16, 1945.

CHAPTER 297.

(House Bill 184)

AN ACT to create a committee to study the need for a State Office Building in Baltimore City.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That there shall be a committee of seven (7) members, composed of the Board of Public Works, the Director of the Budget and Procurement, and three persons to be appointed by the Governor. The members shall serve without compensation.

The Committee shall study the question of acquisition or erection by the State of Maryland of a building or buildings in Baltimore City to house all offices of the departments and agencies of the State of Maryland, which are now or may hereafter be located in Baltimore City.

The Committee shall study and recommend, among other things, what departments and agencies of the State should be included, whether a suitable building exists, or a new one should be erected, and, if feasible, indicating suitable loca-