

prior to the time fixed by the Governor for the execution of such offender, at which time such offender shall be transferred, by authority of the Department of Correction, to the death house in the Maryland Penitentiary for such execution, to be performed under the direct supervision of the Warden of the Maryland Penitentiary in accordance with the provisions of Article 27, Sections 483 to 492, both inclusive, and in the presence of female officers assigned for this purpose.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That if any part, section, paragraph, clause, sentence or provision of this Act, or any application thereof is held invalid for any reason, the remainder of this Act and other applications thereof shall not be affected thereby, and to this end the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That all laws or parts of laws inconsistent with the provisions of this Act be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1945.

Approved April 5, 1945.

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## CHAPTER 521.

(Senate Bill 243)

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 22 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Washington County," sub-title "County Commissioners," said new section to be known as Section 148A and to follow immediately after Section 148 of said Article, relating to acquiring and disposing of real estate and ratifying all conveyances heretofore made by or to the said County Commissioners.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 22 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Washington County," sub-title "County Commissioners," said new section to be known as Section 148A, to follow immediately after Section 148 of said Article, and to read as follows:

148A. The County Commissioners of Washington County shall have authority (1) to lease, to sell, at either