

regarded as in derogation of any powers now existing. This Act being necessary for the welfare of the inhabitants of Anne Arundel County, shall be liberally construed to effect the purposes hereof. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SEC. 11. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and having been passed by a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all of the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly of Maryland, the same shall take effect from the date of the passage.

Approved April 22, 1949.

CHAPTER 392

(House Bill 543)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 55 of Article 19 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "St. Mary's County", sub-title "County Commissioners", as amended by Chapter 285 of the Acts of 1943, increasing the maximum compensation of the Clerk to the County Commissioners.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 55 of Article 19 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "St. Mary's County", sub-title "County Commissioners", as amended by Chapter 285 of the Acts of 1943, be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

55. The County Commissioners shall elect by a majority vote a clerk to said board who shall serve as such for a term of two years and until his successor is elected and qualified. The County Commissioners are hereby authorized to fix the compensation of said clerk at not less than One Thousand (\$1,000) Dollars, nor more than Twenty-eight Hundred (\$2,800) Dollars per year.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1949.

Approved April 22, 1949.