

CHAPTER 130

(House Bill 319)

AN ACT to add four new sections to Article 26 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition and 1954 Supplement), title "Courts", sub-title "Circuit Courts from the Counties", said new sections to be known as Sections 43D, 43E, 43F, and 43G, to follow immediately after Section 43C of said Code and to be under a new sub-heading "Grand Jury Stenographers", providing for a stenographer to the Grand Juries of Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's Counties, defining his duties and imposing a penalty for the violation thereof.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That four new sections be and they are hereby added to Article 26 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition and 1954 Supplement), title "Courts", sub-title "Circuit Courts from the Counties", said new sections to be known as Sections 43D, 43E, 43F, and 43G, to follow immediately after Section 43C of said Code and to be under a new sub-heading "Grand Jury Stenographers", and all to read as follows:

43D. Upon the organization of each Grand Jury the Judge or Judges of the Circuit Court for Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's Counties may and they are hereby authorized and empowered to appoint a stenographer at a compensation to be determined from time to time by the Judge or Judges of the Circuit Court for said Counties making said appointment to be paid by the County Commissioners for said Counties, which said stenographer shall have authority to take and transcribe the testimony given before any Grand Jury in said Counties, and all of said testimony so taken and transcribed shall be for the exclusive use and benefit of the Grand Jury and the State's Attorney of said counties unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

43E. Any stenographer appointed under the provisions of the preceding section shall, before he enters upon the duties of his office, take and subscribe before the Clerk of the Circuit Court for the proper county an oath that he will keep secret all matters and things occurring before such Grand Jury.

43F. It shall be lawful for any stenographer duly appointed and qualified as herein provided to attend and be present at the session of every Grand Jury empanelled in said Counties, and it shall be his duty to record the testimony introduced before such Grand Jury, and to furnish to the Grand Jury and the State's Attorney of said Counties a full copy of all such testimony as such Grand Jury or State's Attorney shall require, and he shall not permit any other person to take a copy of the same, nor any portion thereof, nor to read the same, nor any portion thereof, nor shall he disclose the character of any of the contents of the same to any person or persons

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.