

counts and Control and a Bureau of the Budget; providing for the preparation and submission of the County budgets and generally for the control of expenditures therefrom.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That fourteen new sections be and they are hereby added to the Code of Public Local Laws of Baltimore County, to be known as Sections 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 54A, 54B and 54C, to follow immediately after Section 43 of said Code, and to be under a new sub-title to be known as "Office of Finance", all to read as follows:*

*44. The County Commissioners of Baltimore County are authorized to create and maintain an Office of Finance to administer the fiscal affairs of the County. They may appoint a Director of Finance who shall have supervision and control of said Office. He shall serve at the pleasure of the County Commissioners and shall receive such compensation as they shall prescribe.*

*The Office of Finance shall be composed of a Bureau of Accounts and Control and a Bureau of the Budget, which shall be under the direction, supervision and control of the Director of Finance. The Director of Finance shall also perform such other duties as the County Commissioners may from time to time prescribe.*

*The Bureau of Accounts and Control shall be under the supervision and control of a Comptroller who shall be appointed by the County Commissioners. He shall serve at the pleasure of said Commissioners and shall receive such compensation as they shall prescribe. He shall execute in favor of the County Commissioners of Baltimore County a bond in such amount as they shall prescribe, with corporate surety to be approved by them, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties as Comptroller.*

*Said County Commissioners are hereby authorized to appoint a Deputy Comptroller who shall assist the Comptroller in the performance of his duties and who shall, in the event of the absence or the inability of the Comptroller to act, have all the duties and powers of the Comptroller. He shall execute in favor of the County Commissioners of Baltimore County a bond in such amount as they shall prescribe, with corporate surety to be approved by them, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties.*

*The Bureau of the Budget shall be under the supervision and control of a Budget Director who shall be appointed by the County Commissioners. He shall serve at the pleasure of said Commissioners and shall receive such compensation as they shall prescribe.*

*The County Commissioners are further authorized to appoint such assistants, clerks, stenographers and other office help as in their opinion may be necessary for the proper administration of said Office of Finance, and said County Commissioners are hereby authorized to levy such sum or sums on the assessable property of Baltimore County as shall be necessary to pay the salaries and other expenses of the Office of Finance.*

*45. Subject to the general supervision of the Director of Finance, it shall be the duty of the Comptroller to:*