

exceed the sum of \$100.00, then the County Manager, OR ANY OTHER PERSON DESIGNATED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN THE ABSENCE OF THE COUNTY MANAGER, may approve for payment the voucher or any part thereof.

(b) Any voucher not covered by sub-section (a) shall be approved only as follows:

(1) At least seven days before approving any such voucher, the County Commissioners shall publish in at least one newspaper having general circulation in the County a statement specifying in detail each particular item of expense covered by the voucher and for what and to whom payable.

(2) Any taxpayer may protest against payment of the claim or any portion covered by such voucher, by filing with the County Commissioners within seven days after such publication, a protest in writing specifying the voucher or items objected to and the reason for objection.

(3) Upon the filing of any protest, the County Commissioners shall fix a time for hearing thereon and notify all interested parties of the time and place for the hearing; and at such hearing shall receive and consider any evidence presented by any person that any item of such voucher is incorrect, excessive or not bona fide.

(4) Upon the expiration of seven days after such publication, if no protest is filed or after hearing thereon when protest is filed, the County Commissioners may by majority approve for payment the voucher or any part thereof; *provided, however, that if the amount of said voucher does not exceed \$100.00, and no protest is filed, then the County Manager, OR ANY OTHER PERSON DESIGNATED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN THE ABSENCE OF THE COUNTY MANAGER, may approve for payment the voucher or any part thereof.*

(c) Any voucher approved pursuant to this Section shall be signed by the County Commissioners so approving, *or if the voucher does not exceed \$100.00, by the County Manager*; such signature shall constitute a certificate that the Commissioner, *or the County Manager*, believes such voucher to be a fair, correct and bona fide claim payable from County funds.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1959.

Approved April 28, 1959.

CHAPTER 667

(House Bill 602)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 7(a) of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition),

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.