

of Kent County [for the year 1949 and for each thereafter.] *for each year.* The Accountant shall be paid for his services such compensation as the County Commissioners may certify as being just and adequate, such compensation to be paid by the said County Commissioners.

34. (a) It shall be the duty of the said Accountant carefully to examine the accounts, vouchers, receipts and other papers connected with the receipts and disbursements of the public money, by each of the aforesaid boards and officers, in such manner as to show the true financial status and condition of each of the said boards and officers of the said County.

(b) He shall have the authority and power, whenever, in his judgment he shall deem it necessary for the proper performance of his duty, to summon such persons as he may think proper, requiring them to produce any paper, voucher, or book in their possession relating to the receipt and/or disbursement of any of the public monies of Kent County. He shall have the power and authority to administer oaths and affirmations to the persons so summoned before him and shall require them to answer under oath all such questions as shall be propounded to them relating to the accounts, vouchers, books and papers of the said boards or officers. In case any person after being summoned to appear before him shall refuse or neglect to attend, in accordance with the requirements of said summons, or shall refuse or neglect to produce any vouchers, books or papers required by said summons to be produced, or shall refuse to be sworn or affirmed, or being sworn or affirmed shall refuse to answer, the person so refusing or neglecting shall be deemed to be [quilty] *guilty* of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof before any court of competent jurisdiction, shall, in the case of a private citizen, be fined not exceeding one hundred dollars for each and every refusal to answer or be sworn or affirmed and shall stand committed until the fines and costs are paid, and in case of any of the members of any of said boards and officers, be fined not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or be confined in the county jail for a period of not more than six (6) months or be both fined and imprisoned, in the discretion of the court, and if fined only, shall stand committed until the fine and costs are paid. All fines imposed under this subtitle shall be paid to the County Treasurer for the benefit of the County.

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

Approved March 11, 1959

CHAPTER 147

(Senate Bill 97)

AN ACT to repeal Section 244 of Article 15 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Kent County", sub-

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.