

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That if any person shall wilfully and knowingly file any affidavit, make any written or oral statement, public or private or issue any charge through any media of communications falsely accusing any public official of guilt in any of the foregoing provisions of this section, such person is punishable by imprisonment for not more than two (2) years, or by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), or by both.

SEC. 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, THAT IF ANY PERSON SHALL MALICIOUSLY FILE ANY AFFIDAVIT, MAKE ANY PUBLIC WRITTEN OR ORAL STATEMENT, OR ISSUE ANY CHARGE THROUGH ANY PUBLIC MEDIA OF COMMUNICATIONS ACCUSING ANY MEMBER OF GUILT IN ANY OF THE FOREGOING PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, HAVING KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR FALSITY OR WITH RECKLESS DISREGARD OF WHETHER THEY ARE TRUE OR FALSE, SUCH PERSON IS PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO (2) YEARS, OR BY A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00), OR BY BOTH.

SEC. 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, THAT THE LAWS ESTABLISHING THE MARYLAND NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION BE AMENDED TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE SHALL APPLY TO THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MEMBERS OF SAID COMMISSIONS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

SEC. 3 4. And be it further enacted, That the State's Attorney of Prince George's County shall enforce the provisions of this subtitle in accordance with Section 72-2 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Prince George's County (1963 Edition, being Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Prince George's County," subtitle "State's Attorney", and, further, the State's Attorney shall employ such staff and use such facilities as shall be necessary to effectively carry out the provisions and applications of this subtitle.

SEC. 4 5. *And be it further enacted,* That if any provision of this subtitle or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or any other application of this subtitle which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this subtitle are hereby declared to be severable.

SEC. 5 6. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1965.

Approved May 4, 1965.

CHAPTER 876

(House Bill 1065)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 137 (a) of Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition),