

published within the County, and by personal notices addressed to any one or more persons whose names are signed to said petition. After due hearing as aforesaid, the Commission shall decide upon the reasonableness of the objections stated in the petition; and shall dispose of the same by written order concurred in by a majority of the Commissioners, which order shall be published in the same manner as notices are herein required to be published and a copy of which shall be mailed to any one or more of the petitioners. If the petitioners are not satisfied with the Commission's decision, they shall have the right to take and enter, within ten days after the last publication of said order as aforesaid, an appeal to the County Commissioners of Howard County, who shall review the Commission's decision and decide as to the necessity and propriety of the improvement contemplated and whether the district can stand the cost of the same; and the decision of the County Commissioners shall be final.

**SEC. 2.** *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1965.*

Approved April 8, 1965.

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CHAPTER 234

(House Bill 307)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 89 of Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments," subtitle "1. The Executive Department," subheading "Secretary of State," and to add a new Section 8A to Article 64A of the said Code (1964 Replacement Volume), title "Merit System," to follow immediately after Section 8 thereof, to provide for the permanent office of Assistant Secretary of State under the merit system.

**SECTION 1.** *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 89 of Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments," subtitle "1. The Executive Department," subheading "Secretary of State," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

89.

The Governor is authorized and empowered [ , in case of the sickness or absence of the Secretary of State, ] to appoint [ , temporarily, ] an assistant to the Secretary of State, who shall be empowered to discharge all the duties imposed by law upon said Secretary during his illness or absence from the seat of government [ ; and the Governor is authorized to pay, out of the Executive Contingent Fund, for such services, a salary not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars per month ] .

**SEC. 2.** *And be it further enacted, That a new Section 8A be and*