

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

Approved April 8, 1965.

CHAPTER 270

(House Bill 246)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 24 of Article 25 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Supplement), title "County Commissioners," subtitle "General Provisions," to change the requirements for publication of statements of county expenses in Washington County by the County Commissioners, to change the form of the statement required to be published and provide for public inspection of such statements, and to correct an error therein.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 24 of Article 25 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Supplement), title "County Commissioners," subtitle "General Provisions," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted to read as follows:*

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They shall make out and publish annually in at least two newspapers published in their respective counties if there be two, a detailed, minute and accurate statement of the expenses of their said counties, specifying therein each particular [time] item of expense, and for what and to whom paid, and shall also deliver to the sheriff of their respective counties as many copies of such statement as there are election districts in the county, at least ten days before each general election; and the sheriff shall within six days after the receipt of such copies set up one of them at the place of holding elections in each election district; and the clerk of the county commissioners and the sheriff who shall fail to perform the duty imposed by this section shall each forfeit the sum of one hundred dollars. Provided that the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County shall not expend more than twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200) in any one year for publishing the notices required by this section, and the publication of the notices of the supervisor of elections relative to elections, registration, etc. Provided that in St. Mary's and Frederick counties it shall not be necessary to publish an itemized statement of county expenses, but a summary of such statement shall be published as required herein, and such an itemized statement shall be available for public examination in the office of the clerk to the county commissioners. Provided, further, that in Howard County the County Commissioners may in their discretion publish, at an expense not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500) in one newspaper a detailed, minute and accurate statement of the expenses of said county, specifying therein each particular item of expense, and for what and to whom paid. Provided, however, that this section shall not apply to Anne Arundel County or Baltimore