

the justices of the peace and trial magistrates in and for Queen Anne's County and directed to the Sheriff of said county or any deputies.

Before entering upon the duties of the office, each deputy sheriff appointed under the authority of this subsection shall give bond to the Sheriff of said county, in the penalty of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) with security, to be approved by a judge of the Circuit Court for said county, conditioned that he shall faithfully perform his duties and account properly for all monies and property received by virtue of his position; the premiums of which shall be borne by the said county, and to be filed and recorded in the office of the clerk of the Circuit Court of said county.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1968.

Approved April 10, 1968.

CHAPTER 200
(House Bill 200)

AN ACT to add new Section 184C to the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, (1930 Edition), title "Queen Anne's County," subtitle "County Commissioners," to follow immediately after Section 184B thereof, as last amended by Chapter 162 of 1957, authorizing the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County to take and dispose of abandoned boats in said county.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a new Section 184C be and it is hereby added to the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Queen Anne's County," subtitle "County Commissioners," to follow immediately after Section 184B thereof as last amended by Chapter 162 of 1957, and to read as follows:

184C.

(a) *The County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County may take possession of and sell or otherwise dispose of any boat or ship, apparently abandoned in the county. Prior to taking such action they shall notify the owner if known, or if there is no known owner, have a notice printed in one newspaper in the county for three consecutive weeks.*

(b) *Any person claiming a legal interest in any boat or ship sold by the county under the provisions of this section may file a claim within three years after such SALE for compensation for loss of such interest to be paid from the proceeds of such sale less any expense of the county in taking possession, keeping and disposing of the vessel. If the county commissioners find that such claim is legitimate, they shall award appropriate compensation. Any person whose claim has been rejected by the county commissioners may bring action in the circuit court of Queen Anne's County to establish his claim.*