

of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "St. Mary's County," subtitle "Circuit Court," to follow immediately after Section 7 thereof, to provide for the position of law clerk to be appointed by the St. Mary's County Circuit Court resident judge and whose compensation shall be fixed by the County Commissioners and be provided for in the annual levy.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Section 7A be and it is hereby added to the Code of Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County (1965 Edition, being Article 19 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "St. Mary's County," subtitle "Circuit Court," to follow immediately after Section 7 thereof, and to read as follows:

7A.

*The St. Mary's County Circuit Court resident judge may appoint a Law Clerk who shall receive an annual compensation, the amount to be fixed by the County Commissioners after consultation with the resident judge, not in excess of seven-thousand (\$7,000.00) dollars. Said compensation shall be provided for in the annual levy and paid as other expenses and salaries are paid for the conduct of the business of said Circuit Court.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

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CHAPTER 134

(Senate Bill 613)

AN ACT to add new Section 38 (d) to Article 52 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Supplement), title "Justices of the Peace," subtitle "Process and Practice," to follow immediately after Section 38 (c) thereof, providing for contempt powers and procedure of the People's Court of Harford County, and relating generally thereto.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 38 (d) be and it is hereby added to Article 52 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Supplement), title "Justices of the Peace," subtitle "Process and Practice," to follow immediately after Section 38 (c) thereof, and to read as follows:

38.

*(d) The Judges of the People's Court of Harford County have the power to issue attachments and inflict summary punishments for direct contempts, committed in the presence of the Harford*