iffs," subtitles "Service of Process, Civil and Criminal, and Proceedings in Cases of Failure to Make Due Return," "Collection of Officers' Fees," and "Compensation and Duties," respectively, be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

§ 6. Bail bond or cash in lieu thereof—When taken.

He or his deputy, when he arrests a person on a writ for any criminal offense not punishable by confinement in the penitentiary, may take a bail bond from the person so arrested with security to be by him approved and in a penalty not exceeding three hundred dollars, except in those cases where a specific fine or penalty is prescribed for the commission of the offense, in which cases the penalty of the bond shall be the highest penalty or fine fixed by law, with condition that the person so arrested shall appear in court on the day the said writ is returnable and attend the court from day to day and not depart therefrom without the leave of said court; and if the person so arrested cannot give bail bond, he shall be taken before a Ljustice of the peace District Court commissioner to be dealt with according to law. The sheriff or his deputy shall be permitted to accept cash money in place of a bail bond for the same amount as that required by the aforesaid bail bond, upon delivery to the person so arrested. or paying such money, of a receipt for such cash amount received.

§ 29. Procedure when debtor absconds with fees.

If he shall be informed by the affidavit of anyone taken before a justice of the peace notary public that a person against whom he has fees to collect has absconded or is about to do so, the sheriff may distrain or execute immediately, without having previously delivered an account of fees; provided that if any such absconding debtor shall give the sheriff good and sufficient security for the payment of such officers' fees within sixty days, the sheriff shall not sell his goods or chattels.

§ 37. Salaries and expenses; deputies; employees; equipment.

(a) Allegany County.—Until the beginning of the term of the Sheriff of Allegany County elected to that position in the month of November, 1970, he shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$5,400, as fixed by the County Commissioners from time to time, and an annual allowance of \$2,400 for expenses. From and after the beginning of the term of the Sheriff elected in the month of November, 1970, he shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$7,800, as fixed by the County Commissioners from time to time, and an expense allowance of \$1,200 annually, the disbursement of which shall be accounted for to the County Commissioners.

The Sheriff shall appoint, subject to the provisions of § 63A to 63-I of the Allegany County Code (1955 Edition), subtitle "Classified Service," five (5) or more deputies at an annual salary of not less than \$3,300 each; one of said deputies shall be assigned to the Sheriff to attend the Imagistrate for juvenile causes Circuit Court for Allegany County sitting as a Juvenile Court to execute his process, orders and directions, and when not so engaged, to perform such other duties as the Sheriff may require.

Deputy sheriffs are entitled to free meals while on duty, in addition to the salaries provided for in this subsection.