

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.

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CHAPTER 646

(House Bill 1508)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 92 of the Code of Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County (1965 Edition and 1972 Supplement, being Article 19 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "St. Mary's County," subtitle "Keeper of the Jail," removing the authority for the appointment of the keeper of the jail of St. Mary's County from the County Commissioners and placing the authority with the Sheriff of St. Mary's County, and relating generally to the keeper of the jail in St. Mary's County, and clarifying the language therein.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 92 of the Code of Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County (1965 Edition and 1972 Supplement, being Article 19 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "St. Mary's County," subtitle "Keeper of the Jail," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

92.

(a) The keeper of the jail of St. Mary's County shall be appointed by the [County Commissioners] SHERIFF OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY and shall be [allowed by them such salary as they in their discretion shall prescribe] PAID A REASONABLE SALARY BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS UPON VOUCHERS SUBMITTED BY THE SHERIFF TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. THE KEEPER OF THE JAIL HAS [He shall have] all the powers of a constable or other Peace Officer and [be] IS directly responsible to the Sheriff for the safekeeping and transportation of prisoners. He [shall be] IS responsible for the safekeeping, care and feeding of all prisoners in the jail from the time they are lawfully committed thereto until they are discharged, released or withdrawn therefrom by the [sheriff] SHERIFF[,] or pursuant to court order or other lawful authority. He shall keep a record of the names, ages, dates when received, the offenses charged and the date of discharge and reason therefor, of all persons committed to the jail, and shall perform such other duties with respect thereto as the County Commissioners may assign to him.

(b) Nothing in this section shall affect the powers and duties of the [sheriff] SHERIFF in respect to the safekeeping and custody of all prisoners except [when said] IF prisoners are within [said] THE jail.

(c) The [County Commissioners] SHERIFF may appoint [such] other help for the operation of the jail as may be needed [, and may fix their salaries.] THESE EMPLOYEES SHALL BE PAID REASONABLE SALARIES BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS UPON VOUCHERS SUBMITTED BY THE SHERIFF TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. The commissioners shall annually appropriate amounts sufficient for the maintenance of the jail and the safekeeping, care and feeding of all prisoners committed thereto.