

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 10F be and it is hereby added to Article 25 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume and 1971 Supplement), title "County Commissioners," subtitle "General Provisions," to follow immediately after Section 10E thereof, and to read as follows:

10F.

(A) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF TALBOT COUNTY, IN ADDITION TO, BUT NOT IN SUBSTITUTION FOR, THE POWERS WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN OR MAY HEREAFTER BE GRANTED THEM, MAY: (1) DETERMINE THE SALARY AND EXPENSES OF THE TALBOT COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY AND HIS ASSISTANT; (2) DETERMINE THE NECESSARY COSTS AND EXPENSES RELATED TO THE EFFICIENT PERFORMANCE OF THE TALBOT COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE; (3) DETERMINE THE COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES OF THE TALBOT COUNTY SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS BOARD; (4) REGULATE THE POSSESSION AND MAINTENANCE OF DOGS AND SET DOG LICENSE FEES; (5) DETERMINE BOTH THE SALARY OF THE TALBOT COUNTY SHERIFF AND THE NECESSARY COSTS AND EXPENSES FOR THE EFFICIENT OPERATION OF HIS OFFICE; AND (6) DETERMINE THE SALARY AND EXPENSES OF THE JUDGES OF THE TALBOT COUNTY ORPHANS' COURT.

(B) UNLESS AND UNTIL SUPERSEDED BY ACTION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS UNDER THIS SECTION, ALL PUBLIC GENERAL AND PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS REGULATING THE MATTERS MENTIONED IN SUBSECTION (A) WHICH ARE IN FORCE ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

(C) ANY LAW PROPOSED BY THE TALBOT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION OR PURSUANT TO SECTION 206 OF ARTICLE 2B OR SECTION 3(E) OF ARTICLE 25 OF THIS CODE, MUST BE ENACTED IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:

(1) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL PROCEED ONLY BY PROPOSING AN ORDINANCE ON THE SUBJECT MATTER WHICH SHALL BE PREPARED IN WRITTEN OR PRINTED FORM.

(2) WHEN SUCH AN ORDINANCE IS PROPOSED AND PREPARED, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON.

(3) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL PUBLISH A COPY OF THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE AND NOTICE OF THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE HEARING THEREON IN A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE COUNTY FOR AT LEAST TWO CONSECUTIVE WEEKS BEFORE THE HEARING, AND ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THE ORDINANCE SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AND TO THE PRESS IN TALBOT COUNTY.

(4) UPON THE PASSAGE OF AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, THE ORDINANCE SHALL BE PUBLISHED IN THE MANNER THAT PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS ARE TO BE PUBLISHED ACCORDING TO ARTICLE 76 OF THE CODE.