

is allocated to the portion of Art. 21 dealing with land patents.

Art. 57, §§ 15 and 17 apply to tax sales in Prince George's and Montgomery Counties, respectively. They are allocated to the portion of Art. 81 dealing with tax sales.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That §33 of Art. 25, Annotated Code of Maryland (1973 Repl. Vol.), title "County Commissioners", subtitle "Bonds of County Officials"; §6(f) of Art. 27A of said Code (1971 Repl. Vol. and 1973 Supplement), title "Public Defender"; §13 of Art. 70 of said Code (1970 Repl. Vol., 1972 Supplement), title "Official Oaths"; and §2-102 of Art. 93 of said Code (1969 Repl. Vol., 1972 Supplement), title "Decedents' Estates", subtitle "The Court", be and each is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments, to read as follows:

#### ARTICLE 25

33.

When any county treasurer, tax collector, county commissioner or any officer, EXCEPT A CLERK OF COURT OR SHERIFF, coming within the common meaning of a county official, in giving the bond required of him by law, shall furnish a bond executed by a surety company, authorized by the laws of the State of Maryland to execute such bonds, and such bonds shall be approved, then in each and every such case the county may pay the premium for such bond, not in any instance to exceed one half of one percent per annum of the penalty of the bond so executed and approved; upon the execution and approval of any such bond the county commissioners may direct the payment of such premium on such bond from the general fund of the county in the same manner as is prescribed for the payment of general county debts; provided, however, that when any such bond is given by a [clerk of court,] register of wills, OR State's attorney [or sheriff], the payment of the premium on said bond shall be charged as an expense of any such officer.

REVISOR'S NOTE: The provisions pertaining to clerks of court and sheriffs appear as §2-105 of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article set forth in §1 of this Bill.

#### ARTICLE 27A