shall determine and pay, together with his expenses, from a sum to be included for that purpose in the annual levy of taxes[, a competent and reputable certified public accountant, as auditor]. THE AUDIT FOR THAT YEAR SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE CCUNTY COMMISSICNERS BY OCTOBER 1. The Commissioners shall direct the auditor to make an audit for the preceding fiscal year, of the books, vouchers, accounts, and records of each official who collects, receives, holds, deposits, or disburses funds of the County, including the Treasurer, Sheriff, and any other official handling the funds. The Commissioners may remove the auditor, in their discretion, and shall fill immediately all vacancies created by removal, death, resignation or otherwise.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1977.

Approved May 17, 1977.

CHAPTER 567

(House Bill 1504)

AN ACT concerning

St. Mary's County - Metropolitan Commission

FOR the purpose of providing that the Metropolitan Commission of St. Mary's County shall elect one of its members as vice chairman who shall serve in the absence or disability of the chairman.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

The Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County Section 157(c)
Article 19 — Public Local Laws of Maryland (1965 Edition and 1974 Supplement, as amended by Chapter 911 of the Acts of 1976)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 157(c) of the Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County being Article 19 of the Public Local Laws of Maryland (1965 Edition and 1974 Surplement, as amended by Chapter 911 of the Acts of 1976) he and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows: