UNLESS EXTENDED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE PARTIES OR FOR THE PROTECTION OF OFFEREES IN THIS STATE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1981.

Approved May 19, 1981.

## CHAPTER 777

(House Bill 1318)

AN ACT concerning

Dorchester County - Indemnification of Public Officials

FOR the purpose of authorizing the indemnification of certain public officials of Dorchester County who are made parties to legal proceedings by reason of their service as Dorchester County public officials.

BY adding to

The Public Local Laws of Dorchester County Section 6-46 Article 10 - Public Local Laws of Maryland (1974 Edition, as amended)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 10 - Dorchester County

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IF AN ELECTED OR APPOINTED OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT, OR AN OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION NOT COVERED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 78A, § 16C, OR ARTICLE 32A, § 12A OF THE CODE WAS ACTING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF HIS OFFICIAL DUTIES OR EMPLOYMENT AND WITHOUT MALICE, THE COUNTY MAY INDEMNIFY THE OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE FOR ANY JUDGMENT, PENALTY, FINE, SETTLEMENT, AND REASONABLE FEES AND EXPENSES INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH ANY PROCEEDING IN WHICH THE OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE HAS BEEN MADE A PARTY BY REASON OF SERVICE AS SUCH OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1981.

Approved May 19, 1981.