

## Preamble

WHEREAS, Howard County elected to become a chartered county in November, 1968, and ceased to have county commissioners at that time; and

WHEREAS, The express powers granted to Howard County Commissioners in Article 25, § 7 became obsolete at that time; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

## Article 25 - County Commissioners

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(a) The County Commissioners of Howard County, in addition to, but not in substitution of, the powers which have been or may hereafter be granted them, shall have the following express powers:

(b) To acquire by purchase or condemnation real or leasehold property or any interest therein needed for any public purpose and to erect buildings thereon for the benefit of the county and to sell at public or private sale any real or leasehold property belonging to the county when no longer needed for public use, but no property shall be sold until such sale has been advertised for at least twenty (20) days before day of sale.

(c) To grant franchises as provided under existing public general or public local laws.

(d) To provide for the appointment and removal of all county officers and employees except those whose appointment or election is provided for by the Constitution or public general or public local laws, and to prescribe the hours and days of work for all appointed county employees and officers.

(e) To fix and prescribe the salary or compensation of all appointed officers and employees of the county, and to prescribe and provide for the payment of the traveling and other expenses of the Sheriff when performing duties outside of Howard County and of all appointed officers and employees of the county incurred in the performance of their official duties.

(f) To provide for county advertising, printing and publishing of all laws, ordinances, resolutions or regulations, adopted by the County Commissioners and the annual statements of receipts and expenditures of the county; provided, however, that the said Commissioners shall appoint an auditor or accountant after the close of the fiscal year to audit the books and accounts of all county officers collecting, holding or disbursing funds belonging to the county and shall publish or advertise the report of said auditor or accountant immediately after its