

CHAPTER 21

(Senate Bill 245)

AN ACT concerning

Dorchester County – Jail

FOR the purpose of authorizing the County Commissioners of Dorchester County to transfer responsibility for the Dorchester County Jail from the Sheriff to a warden; requiring that, if the County Commissioners transfer responsibility for the jail, the warden assume certain responsibilities; requiring that an ordinance providing for appointment of a warden include certain provisions; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to the operation of the Dorchester County Jail.

BY adding to

The Public Local Laws of Dorchester County

Section 44-9 to be under the amended chapter "Chapter 44 Sheriff; County Jail"

Article 10 – Public Local Laws of Maryland

(1984 Edition and September 1991 Supplement, as amended)

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

Article 10 – Dorchester County

Chapter 44

Sheriff; COUNTY JAIL

44-9.

(A) NOTWITHSTANDING § 2-309(K) OF THE COURTS AND JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND OR ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS CHAPTER, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, BY ORDINANCE, MAY PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A WARDEN OF THE COUNTY JAIL AND MAY TRANSFER RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE OPERATION OF THE JAIL FROM THE SHERIFF TO THE WARDEN.

(B) THE ORDINANCE SHALL SPECIFY THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE WARDEN AND SHALL STATE THAT THE WARDEN SERVES AT THE PLEASURE OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

(C) IF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TRANSFER RESPONSIBILITY FOR OPERATING THE COUNTY JAIL FROM THE SHERIFF TO A WARDEN, THE WARDEN SHALL ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SHERIFF RELATED TO OPERATION OF THE JAIL AND THE CARE AND SECURITY OF PERSONS COMMITTED TO THE JAIL WHILE THEY ARE IN THE WARDEN'S CUSTODY.