

LAWS OF MARYLAND.

of the said boards and officers, be fined not exceeding five hundred dollars or be confined in the county jail for a period of not more than six months, or be both fined and imprisoned at the discretion of the court, and if fined only, shall stand committed until the fines and costs are paid; the fines to be paid to the County Treasurer for the benefit of the county.

Compensation.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the members of the said auditing committee shall be allowed for their services in auditing the accounts of the boards and officers named in this Act the sum of four dollars per day each, together with such expenses for stationery and incidental expenses as the Judges of the Circuit Court for Kent County may deem proper to be paid, together with the costs, if any, of summoning witnesses, and witness fees by the County Commissioners of Kent County, and they shall file their account as such committee on or before August 1 in each year.

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SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the said several boards, and they and each of them are hereby directed and required to notify all persons having claims of any kind against any of the said boards or against Kent County, which are properly payable out of the public funds subject to the control of any of the said boards, except such as may be pending in any of the courts of this State, to file said claims and accounts with the proper boards, so that the same may be examined and passed upon by the said respective boards before the fifth day of June in each and every year after the passage of this Act, and any person failing to file his or their accounts or claims as aforesaid, shall forfeit all right to collect any interest on same by legal process or otherwise, and no interest shall ever be allowed on said claims by any board, and if said board or any of said boards allow any interest they shall individually be guilty of a misdemeanor and as such be liable to punishment for such misdemeanor, and it shall not be lawful to make provision for said claims until the levy of the following year, and then without interest, and same shall in no wise be paid out of any contingent fund or otherwise; and the said several boards and officers are hereby directed and required, when requested by the said auditing committee or any member thereof, to lay before the said auditing committee all books, accounts, vouchers and other papers relating to the receipt and disbursement of the public funds in their hands or subject to their control; and the said several boards and officers shall in every way expedite and facilitate the work of the said auditing committee, to the end that the true

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