

CHAPTER 243.

An act relating to Coroners.

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Passed Feb. 23 1822.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, It is represented to this general assembly that the prevailing practices of coroners are improper, grievous and oppressive—Therefore,

SEC. 1. BE IT ENACTED By the General Assembly of Maryland, That from and after the passage of this act, no coroner or justice of the peace acting as coroner in Baltimore county or city, shall receive more than the following fees for his services in each separate case, than is hereinafter specified, under a penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars, to be recovered by indictment in the county court where the offence shall be committed, one half to the use of the school fund for such county.

Penalty,

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That for each separate coroner's inquest held by any coroner or justice of the peace of Baltimore county or city, he shall be entitled to receive four dollars and seven-tenths cents for his services; and if necessary to provide a coffin, two dollars and fifty cents shall be allowed; and for digging grave and burying body, two dollars and fifty cents shall be added for those purposes, and no more.

Coroner's fees

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That there shall be allowed the sum of fifty cents to each juror who may serve on a coroner's inquest, and to the constable who may be directed by a coroner or magistrate to summon such jury, or to the coroner if the jury be summoned by him, the sum of twelve and one half cents for each juror; which sums shall be collected and paid to the persons entitled thereto.

Jurors' fees.

4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That in all cases where the jurors charge for their attendance on a coroner's inquest, the same shall be allowed by the levy court of their county to each juror so charging; but no juror's fee shall hereafter be allowed to any coroner or other person acting as a coroner in consequence of any assignment made to him by any such juror, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Jurors' not to assign.

5. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the levy court of Baltimore county shall be and they are hereby authorised to allow to the coroners of said county or any of them, over and above the fees allowed by this law, such additional sum of money for any business done by said coroners or any of them, in the performance of the duties of their said office, as the said levy court may deem reasonable and just; and the said levy court are authorised and directed to levy such additional sum on the assessable property of said county as other county and city charges are.

Coroner of Baltimore county may be allowed additional.

CHAPTER 244.

An act relating to the removal of Criminal Causes in Baltimore City and County Court.

Passed Feb. 23, 1822.

SEC. 1. BE IT ENACTED By the General Assembly of Maryland, That from and after the passage of this act, that no person indicted in the Baltimore city court shall be authorised to remove the trial of his or her indictment to any other court within this state, unless he or she have resided for the last twelve months before his or her trial within the limits of Baltimore county, or unless two of the judges of the said court shall authorise and allow the same.

Persons not having residence.