

## **MORGAN COUNTY**

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Licenses sale--(GBLA) 1965 2nd Sp. Sess., 79; repealed--(GBLA) 1971, 1859  
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Marriage fees--79-383, 604  
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Election officers provided--(GBLA) 1965, 310; (GBLA) 1971, 1665, 1714

Nominations of candidates for county commissioner--1900, 1465  
Poll workers, compensation--93-387, 664  
Precincts and centers regulated--(GBLA) 1965, 310; (GBLA) 1971, 1665, 1714  
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Bail bond business, regulated--(GBLA) 1963, 499; repealed--(GBLA) 1971, 1916  
Barbers--1961, 953; 1971, 689, 2429, 4448, 4608; repealed--1977, 1374  
Boat license issuance by mail--1969, 1171; repealed and superseded--88-322, 488  
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Records, retaining--79-382, 603

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