

for retirement, and may upon his or her application, be retired, and shall thereafter likewise be entitled to, and shall be paid an annual retirement allowance equal to the result obtained by multiplying the average salary paid to him or her for the five years next preceding his or her retirement by the number of years of his or her service, ascertained as aforesaid and dividing by the number seventy.

1929, ch. 351, sec. 77.

77. Upon receipt of any application from any party claiming to be eligible for a retirement allowance under this sub-title, it shall be the duty of said Retirement Board forthwith to make a prompt and impartial investigation, (and upon the request of the applicant to give him or her a hearing) as to the merits of such application and the facts justifying the same, and in connection therewith to call, swear, examine and hear such witnesses, and to call for and examine such records or documents, or copies, thereof, as said applicant or applicants may request or the Retirement Board may desire, and may cause medical examination to be made and expert testimony to be heard regarding the health and physical condition of the applicant in all cases in which the application is based upon physical disability.

Thereafter if said Retirement Board find that any applicant is eligible for retirement under any of the provisions of this sub-title, it shall be the duty of the said Retirement Board to certify its findings of fact promptly and in no case later than December 1 of any year, in the matter of every application for retirement thereunder to the Governor of Maryland, and state the amount of retirement allowance, if any, to which every applicant is respectively entitled hereunder; and said Retirement Board shall on or before December 1, 1929, and bi-ennially thereafter, submit to the Governor an estimate of the sums required for present and past retirement allowances, unpaid and unprovided for, as well as sums necessary to pay future retirement allowances for the next two years, and which may be anticipated, in accordance with the provisions of this sub-title (to the end that applicants may in every instance receive the benefits of their retirement allowance from the date of the certification of its favorably and affirmative findings by said Retirement Board to the Governor) until the next Budget Appropriation becomes operative, and likewise the sums necessary to meet the requirements for costs, expenses, etc., as aforesaid already made including the expenses of said Retirement Board and its members, as aforesaid. And it shall be the duty of the Governor in his Budget to allow for and recommend the appropriation of such amounts as are necessary to meet and pay such retirement allowances, costs, expenses, etc., and submit the same to the General Assembly. Provided, however, the sum or sums necessary to meet the payments required for retirement allowances and the said expenses of said Board under this said Retirement System shall be paid out of the monies paid into the Treasury of the State by the several said Clerks of the Courts and Registers of Wills for Baltimore City and the counties of Maryland from their excess fees and collections; and provided, further, that retirement allowances hereunder shall be paid monthly.