

a certificate, under the seal of his office, of the qualification of any public officer who has taken and subscribed the oaths of office before him, or whose oath of office is recorded in his office.

See notes to sec. 80.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 74. 1912, sec. 71. 1904, sec. 70. 1888, sec. 66. 1874, ch. 483, sec. 139.

83. The clerks of the several circuit courts and of the superior court of Baltimore City shall not administer the oath of office to any officer until he pays the tax on his commission prescribed by law; and the said clerk shall quarterly, on the first Monday of March, June, September and December, pay to the treasurer all sums of money they shall have received for taxes on commissions.

This section is substantially the same as art. 81, sec. 102.

Clerks and Registers Retirement Board.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 75. 1929, sec. 351, sec. 75.

84. A Board is hereby created and established, to be known as the "Clerks and Registers Retirement Board" (hereinafter called the Retirement Board) which shall consist of the Comptroller of the State of Maryland and the Clerk of the Court of Appeals of the State of Maryland and the Treasurer of the State of Maryland for the time being, which said Retirement Board shall have charge of the administration of the General Retirement System herein created and established; and the Clerk of the Court of Appeals shall, in addition to his other duties as a member of said Retirement Board; act as Secretary thereof. The members of said Retirement Board shall serve without pay, but they and said Board shall be reimbursed out of and by the State Treasury for all necessary expenses which the said Retirement Board, or its members may incur and sustain through and by reason of services performed in administering this General Retirement System for travel, rent, pay of witnesses, fees, costs, clerical help, postage, packing, transportation and incidentals.

And said Retirement Board shall have the power (as hereinafter provided) to enforce its orders, to make by-laws, to employ such clerical help as may be necessary, and to require the several Clerks of Courts of Record, and the Registers of Wills of Maryland to furnish to it upon application, free of cost, certified copies of any records or papers in their official custody as, and when, necessary; and to require the attendance of witnesses and the production of papers, under summons, subpoena or other process, before said Retirement Board; for any purpose connected with the duties of said Board; and to administer the oath to witnesses.

Said Board shall have the power to issue summons or process, when sitting in any county or the City of Baltimore to the Sheriff of said county or city; and such summons or process shall be served by said respective officers in the same manner as if the same was issued by a court of Record having jurisdiction of the subject matter within such respective jurisdiction. The officer making such service of process and likewise witnesses, for their attendance and mileage, shall receive the same fees as are now or may hereafter be provided in cases in Courts of Record.

Whoever shall wilfully fail or refuse to obey a summons, subpoena or other process issued by said Board and duly served, or whoever shall wilfully refuse to testify or wilfully ignore or disobey any order of said Retirement Board shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction