

604A. Upon the organization of each grand jury, as provided for in the preceding section, and upon their request therefor, signified to the judge or judges for the time being especially assigned to and sitting in the criminal court of the said city, the said judge or judges may and they are hereby authorized and empowered to appoint a clerk, who shall be a competent stenographer, at a compensation not exceeding the rate of fifteen hundred dollars per annum, to be paid by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, which said clerk shall have authority to take and transcribe the testimony given before any grand jury in said city of Baltimore, and whenever required by the State's Attorney shall attend upon and take and transcribe the testimony given at coroner's inquests, and all of the said testimony so taken and transcribed shall be for the exclusive use and benefit of the grand jury and the State's Attorney of said city, unless otherwise ordered by the court. In addition to the compensation aforesaid to be paid to said clerk by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, the said Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall make compensation to said stenographer for all testimony taken and transcribed by him at any coroner's inquest or inquests, and when requested by the State's Attorney for the use of his office, at a rate not exceeding fifteen cents per hundred words of such testimony.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 30, 1908.

CHAPTER 51.

AN ACT to authorize the Governor to appoint thirty-six (36) additional magistrates-at-large for Baltimore city.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the Governor be and with the consent of the Senate is hereby authorized to appoint thirty-six (36) additional magistrates-at-large for Baltimore city, in addition to those now provided by law.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 3, 1908.