

370 of Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws (1930 Edition), title "Salaries of Clerks of Courts", and to enact in lieu thereof, a new section, to be known as Section 19, and to follow immediately after Section 18 of said Article 17 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), to provide for the duties of the Clerks of the various Courts of the State in regard to the payment of the expenses of their offices, their fees and receipts, the manner of payment and amount of their salaries and the payment of any deficiency in said salaries.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sections 19, 20 and 21 of Article 17 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Clerks of Courts", sub-title "General Duties of Clerks", and Section 370 of Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws (1930 Edition), title "Salaries of Clerks of Courts", be and the same are hereby repealed, and that a new section be and it is hereby enacted in lieu thereof, said new section to be known as Section 19, to follow immediately after Section 18 of said Article 17 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), and to read as follows:

19. The Clerk of the Criminal Court of Baltimore City and of each of the Law and Equity Courts of Baltimore City, shall be entitled to receive annually a salary of not less than Three Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$3,600.00) or more than Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00), to be fixed and determined in the case of each clerkship by the Board of Public Works, and each Clerk shall be entitled to the salary so fixed and no more.

The Board of Public Works, in fixing the annual salaries of each of the said Clerks of Baltimore City, shall be guided in the exercise of its discretion in regard thereto by the dollar volume of the total fees collected and of excess fees turned over to the State for each of the preceding five (5) years by the Clerks office for which the salary is being fixed, and the number of cases instituted and tried in the Court for which the salary is being fixed, by the volume of docket entries and recordings transcribed by the office for which the salary is being fixed, and by any other pertinent and relative data, bearing on the reasonableness of the salary in relation to the work done and volume handled by the office, it being the intent of this Act that each clerk shall receive fair and adequate compensation for the effort and duties required by his office, and volume and character of work done by him as Clerk, in proportion to the salaries fixed by the Legislature for the Clerks of the Circuit Courts of the several counties.