

126. Clerks.—

(a) *Chief Clerk*—There shall be a Chief Clerk of said Court who shall be appointed by the Chief Judge. The Chief Clerk shall be paid a salary of \$10,000 per annum, and shall, upon appointment, become a member of the Classified Service of this State and of the Employees' Retirement System of this State. He shall be responsible for the maintenance, custody and preservation of a full and true record of all proceedings in said Court and for the collection, custody, accounting and remittance of all fines, penalties, forfeitures, fees and costs, and he shall perform such duties as may be assigned to him from time to time by the Chief Judge. Whenever a vacancy occurs in the position of Chief Clerk, such vacancy shall be filled by some person appointed by the Chief Judge without regard to the provisions of Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland. The person so appointed Chief Clerk shall become a member of the Classified Service and Employees' Retirement System of this State.

(b) *Criminal Division*—There shall be a Deputy Clerk of the Criminal Division of said Court. There shall also be in said Division at least seven assistant clerks, and such other or additional employees all at such salaries, as may be provided in the State budget from time to time. The Chief Clerk, with the approval of the Chief Judge shall select the persons to be employed in such positions in the Criminal Division as may initially be authorized, and the persons so selected shall become, upon appointment, members of the Classified Service of the State. Thereafter, the appointment of persons to fill any vacant or additional positions in said Division, shall be made by the Chief Clerk, with the approval of the Chief Judge, in accordance with the provisions of Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland. Said employees shall perform such duties as may be assigned to them by the Chief Clerk.

(c) *Traffic Division*—The employees of the Traffic Court of Baltimore City are hereby transferred to the Traffic Division of the Municipal Court. The position of Manager of the Traffic Court of Baltimore City shall be known by the title, "Deputy Clerk of the Traffic Division". All appointments to clerical, or other positions, by whatever title designated, in said Traffic Division, shall be made by the Chief Clerk, with the approval of the Chief Judge, in accordance with the provisions of Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland. Said employees shall perform such duties as may be assigned to them by the Chief Clerk.

(d) *Bonds*—The State Comptroller and the Treasurer of Baltimore City shall determine which employees of said Court shall give a bond or bonds, with such surety, condition, penalty and obligee as may be determined by said Comptroller and Treasurer.

The premiums on all the aforesaid bonds shall be considered as expenses under Section 127. Said bonds shall not be liable for any fines and/or costs ordered to be paid in installments, except to the extent that any of said clerks, or someone acting under the direction of any of said clerks (other than a worker or other employee of a City or State agency) has received any part of said fine and/or costs.

(e) *Oaths*—The Chief Clerk, the Deputy Clerks and all other clerks, by whatever title designated, when assigned to any of the parts of said court, shall be empowered to administer oaths.