

Local Laws of Maryland), title "Charles County," subtitle "Circuit Court," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

23.

(a) The Judges of the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Maryland shall appoint one or more official court reporter for the circuit courts of Calvert, Charles, Prince George's, and St. Mary's Counties, respectively. These reporters each shall be expert stenographers or otherwise competent to record court proceedings. Each shall hold office during the pleasure of the judges of said respective courts. The court reporters or stenographers in Prince George's County shall be paid a per diem to be fixed by the [court not to exceed \$40.00 for each and every day of actual service;] *County Commissioners after consultation with the county administrative judge*; and the court stenographers for Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's Counties shall be paid a per diem to be fixed by the [court not to exceed \$40.00 for each and every day of actual service.] *County Commissioners after consultation with the county administrative judge*. Each such court stenographer shall be paid such expenses as may be approved by the court payable by the County Treasurer of the county in the circuit court of which such services shall have been rendered, as a part of the court's expenses, upon the presentation of a certificate of the clerk or any of the judges of said courts showing attendance and services of said reporter. However, in Calvert and St. Mary's Counties the court reporter or stenographer shall be paid mileage at the rate of ten cents per mile for all necessary travel between his home and the place of executing his duties as such; and the court reporters or stenographers in Calvert and St. Mary's Counties after having served at least two years in such position shall be granted two weeks' vacation with pay which shall be computed from the weekly average of per diem compensation during the year.

(b) In addition to the provisions of subsection (a) above, the judge of the Seventh Judicial Circuit resident in Charles County is authorized to appoint an official court reporter for the Circuit Court for Charles County at a salary to be fixed by the County Commissioners of Charles County on the recommendation of the [resident judge of the County not to exceed the sum of \$9,000 annually.] *county administrative judge*. The County Commissioners shall be responsible for a sum equal to one-third of the salary of the court reporter. The clerk of the court shall pay the salary to the court reporter either monthly or semi-monthly out of the fees of office collected by the clerk. The clerk shall prior to May 1 of each year submit a voucher to the County Commissioners for payment of the one-third of the salary for which the County Commissioners are responsible and the Commissioners shall reimburse the clerk by no later than the above date.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and having been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

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