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(b-1) *Garrett County*.—In Garrett County, the majority clerk and the minority clerk each shall receive an annual salary of three thousand six hundred dollars (\$3,600.00).

(c) *Harford County*.—The board in Harford County shall appoint a chief clerk at an annual salary to be fixed by the county commissioners. The chief clerk so appointed shall be skilled in typing and clerical work and he shall have charge of the proper maintenance of the registration and voting records in Harford County, subject to the general supervision of the board. He shall be appointed upon the basis of his skill and ability in record keeping without regard to political affiliation and he shall hold office during good behavior and shall be removable only for incompetency or immorality upon charges furnished in writing by the board setting forth the grounds for dismissal and after opportunity for hearing.

(d) *Montgomery County*.—The board in Montgomery County shall employ and appoint a majority clerk, a minority clerk, and two registrars who shall constitute the permanent board of registry, and each member of the permanent board of registry shall be paid the sum of \$1,200 per annum for the expenses incident to the operation of their automobiles. The board shall also employ and appoint sufficient and appropriate staff for the performance of duties required by this article. All salaries shall be established in the annual appropriations resolution and levy in Montgomery County. The number of clerks and other employees appointed by the board for the majority party shall not exceed, at any time, the number of clerks or employees of the principal minority party by more than one. The majority clerk of the board and one person who shall be appointed by the Governor in the same manner and on the same terms and conditions as the members of the board are appointed and who shall belong to the principal minority party, and who will be the minority clerk, shall constitute the board of registry for the county.

(e) *Prince George's County*.—The County Commissioners of Prince George's County may provide supplementary funds for the payment of compensation or other expenses which had not been included in the original appropriation. The full-time permanent employees of the board including the chief clerk shall be qualified, employed and compensated in accordance with the rules and regulations of the merit board of Prince George's County and subject to its privileges and responsibilities, provided that, however, (1) the chief clerk of said board shall be considered the department head for purposes of such rules and regulations, (2) there shall be two registers for positions under such department head, one for each of the two leading political parties, and (3) the positions filled from each register shall not exceed the other by more than one.

(f) *Queen Anne's County*.—In Queen Anne's County, the clerk of the board shall receive an annual salary of \$500.

(g) *Somerset County*.—In Somerset County, the clerk of the board shall receive an annual salary of \$700.