

copies thereof, as said applicant or applicants may request or the Retirement Board may desire, and may cause medical examination to be made and expert testimony to be heard regarding the health and physical condition of the applicant in all cases in which the application is based upon physical disability.

Thereafter if said Retirement Board find that any applicant is eligible for retirement under any of the provisions of this sub-title, it shall be the duty of the said Retirement Board to certify its findings of fact promptly and in no case later than December 1 of any year, in the matter of every application for retirement thereunder to the Governor of Maryland, and state the amount of retirement allowance, if any, to which every applicant is respectively entitled hereunder; and said Retirement Board shall on or before December 1, 1929, and bi-ennially thereafter, submit to the Governor an estimate of the sums required for present and past retirement allowances, unpaid and unprovided for, as well as sums necessary to pay future retirement allowances for the next two years, and which may be anticipated, in accordance with the provisions of this sub-title (to the end that applicants may in every instance receive the benefits of their retirement allowance from the date of the certification of its favorably and affirmative findings by said Retirement Board to the Governor) until the next Budget Appropriation becomes operative, and likewise the sums necessary to meet the requirements for costs, expenses, etc., as aforesaid already made including the expenses of said Retirement Board and its members, as aforesaid. And it shall be the duty of the Governor in his Budget to allow for and recommend the appropriation of such amounts as are necessary to meet and pay such retirement allowances, costs, expenses, etc., and submit the same to the General Assembly. Provided, however, the sum or sums necessary to meet the payments required for retirement allowances and the said expenses of said Board under this said Retirement System shall be paid out of the monies paid into the Treasury of the State by the several said Clerks of the Courts and Registers of Wills for Baltimore City and the counties of Maryland from their excess fees and collections; and provided, further, that retirement allowances hereunder shall be paid monthly.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 78. 1929, ch. 351, sec. 78.

87. The said Retirement Board shall be vested with all the powers and duties necessary or proper to enable it to carry out fully and effectually all the purposes of this sub-title. A majority of said Retirement Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business or for the exercise of any power or duty, and may hold meetings of the said Retirement Board at any time or place within the State. All hearings of said Retirement Board shall be open to the public, and all documents or records in its possession shall be public records, and open to the public for inspection at reasonable times, and all hearings before said Retirement Board shall be governed by rules to be adopted and prescribed by it, and said Retirement Board shall not be bound by technical rules of evidence.¹

¹ Sec. 2 of ch. 351 of the acts of 1929 repealed all laws inconsistent therewith.