

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 2 of Chapter 625 of the Acts of 1955 be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

2. [The provisions of this Act shall apply only where the offense upon which a conviction calling for capital punishment is based, shall occur on or after June 1, 1955.] *The provisions of this Act shall apply only where the conviction calling for capital punishment shall occur on or after June 1, 1956.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1956.

Approved April 4, 1956.

CHAPTER 124

*Adopted*

(House Bill 68)

AN ACT to propose an amendment to Section 40 of Article 4 of the Constitution of Maryland, title "Judiciary Department," sub-title "Part V—Orphans' Courts," providing that Judges of the several Orphans' Courts shall be paid such ~~annual~~ compensation as may be regulated by law and to submit this amendment to the qualified voters of the State for adoption or rejection.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* (three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses concurring), That the following be and it is hereby proposed as an amendment to Section 40 of Article 4 of the Constitution of Maryland, title "Judiciary Department," sub-title "Part V—Orphans' Courts," the same, if adopted by the legally qualified voters of the State, as herein provided, to become Section 40 of Article 4 of the Constitution of Maryland.

40. The qualified voters of the City of Baltimore, and of the several counties, shall on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November next, and on the same day in every fourth year thereafter, elect three men to be Judges of the Orphans' Courts of said city and counties, respectively, who shall be citizens of the State, and residents for the twelve months preceding, in the city, or county, for which they may be elected. They shall have all the powers now vested in the Orphans' Courts of the State, subject to such changes as the Legislature may prescribe. Each of said Judges shall be paid [a per diem for the time they are actually in session, to] ~~such annual compensation as may be regulated by Law,~~ and to be paid by the said city, or counties, respectively. In case of a vacancy in the office of Judge of the Orphans' Court, the Governor shall appoint, subject to confirmation, or rejection by the Senate, some suitable person to fill the same for the residue of the term.

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.