

(8) File requests for permission to spend funds appropriated for courts of the seventh judicial circuit and for offices related to and serving the seventh judicial circuit as the judges direct and approve all proper vouchers for expenditure of funds;

(9) Secure and maintain space for courtrooms and office facilities and purchase, exchange, and distribute equipment and supplies for judges and offices, officers, and employees of courts of the seventh judicial circuit;

(10) Collect and compile statistical data and other information on the expenditures and receipts of the courts of the seventh judicial circuit and related offices and make periodical reports of this information to the judges;

(11) Consult with and assist officers and employees of the courts of the seventh judicial circuit;

(12) Investigate complaints concerning operation of the courts of the seventh judicial circuit and make appropriate recommendations to the judges;

(13) Prepare and publish every other year the report on activities of the administrative office of the seventh judicial circuit;

(14) Perform additional duties assigned by the judges.

(e) The county government for each of Calvert, Charles, St. Mary's, and Prince George's Counties shall make levies and appropriations necessary to provide for payment of the salaries, compensation, expenses, and other costs properly incurred under or by the provisions of this section.

(f) The authority of the judges of the seventh judicial circuit to appoint other administrative or clerical personnel is not limited by any provision of this section.]

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(A) IN EACH COUNTY OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, THERE MAY BE A COURT ADMINISTRATOR. THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE CIRCUIT ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE AND SHALL HOLD OFFICE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE. THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR SHALL DEVOTE TIME AND ATTENTION TO THE TASKS, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES THAT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE PRESCRIBES.

(B) THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE, SHALL APPOINT EMPLOYEES NECESSARY TO ENABLE THE ADMINISTRATOR TO PERFORM THE DUTIES ASSIGNED TO THE POSITION. EACH COUNTY GOVERNMENT SHALL PROVIDE COMPENSATION FOR THE EMPLOYEES, TOGETHER WITH EXPENSES FOR THE PROPER PERFORMANCE OF ASSIGNED DUTIES OF THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR AND EMPLOYEES APPOINTED UNDER THIS SECTION.

(C) THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR MAY NOT ENGAGE DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY IN THE PRACTICE OF LAW.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2001.