

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF MARYLAND

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Section 5.24. Judicial Compensation.

Each judge shall be compensated solely by the State for his judicial service. The compensation of a judge shall not be reduced during his continuance in office. Judges of the same court shall be paid the same compensation, including any pension based upon length of service, except that a uniform reduction in compensation may be made applicable to all judges of the same court appointed after the effective date of the reduction. A pension payable to a retired judge or to his surviving spouse, or to the surviving spouse of a deceased judge, pursuant to provisions in effect during his continuance in office, shall not be reduced.

said Judges to be elected at the general election to be held on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November, as now provided for in the Constitution. Each of the said Judges shall hold his office for the term of fifteen years from the time of his election, and until his successor is elected and qualified, or until he shall have attained the age of seventy years, whichever may first happen, and be re-eligible thereto until he shall have attained the age of seventy years, and not after. In case of the inability of any of said Judges to discharge his duties with efficiency, by reason of continued sickness, or of physical or mental infirmity, it shall be in the power of the General Assembly, two-thirds of the members of each House concurring, with the approval of the Governor to retire said Judge from office.

Sec. 6. All Judges shall, by virtue of their offices, be Conservators of the Peace throughout the State; and no fees, or perquisites, commission, or reward of any kind; shall be allowed to any Judge in this State, besides his annual salary, for the discharge of any Judicial duty.

Sec. 14. . . . The salary of each Judge of the Court of Appeals shall be that now or hereafter prescribed by the General Assembly and shall not be diminished during his continuance in office. . . .

Sec. 21. . . . All salaries now prescribed by law for associate judges of the Circuit Courts shall continue to apply to all judges (including chief judges) of the Circuit Court. . . .

Sec. 24. The salary of each Chief Judge and of each Associate Judge of the Circuit Court shall not be diminished during his continuance in office.

Sec. 40. . . . [Orphans' Court] Each of said Judges shall be paid such compensation as may be regulated by Law, and to be paid by the said City, or Counties, respectively. . . .

Sec. 31. . . . [Judges of the Supreme Bench] shall each receive an annual salary of three thousand five hundred dollars, payable quarterly, which shall not be diminished during their term of office; but authority is hereby given to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to pay to each of the said Judges an annual addition of five hundred dollars to their respective salaries; provided, that the same, being