

CHAPTER 445

(House Bill 283)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 588 of the Charter and Public Local Laws of Baltimore City (1949 Edition, being Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Baltimore City," subtitle "Police Commissioner," subheading "Special Fund," to increase the pension payable to widows of certain members of the Police Department of Baltimore City.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 588 of the Charter and Public Local Laws of Baltimore City (1949 Edition, being Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Baltimore City," subtitle "Police Commissioner," subheading "Special Fund," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

588.

Members of the Police Department of Baltimore City who may be appointed after June 1, 1939, and become members of the Special Fund, may participate in the benefits of the Special Fund for Widows, provided eligibility to do so is established within thirty (30) days after appointment and not otherwise.

In the event a widow, to whom a pension allowance would be paid in accordance with the provisions of Section 587, is appointed to any position in the Police Department of Baltimore City, the pension allowance shall be suspended during the period of employment, and if such member is retired on a pension, the provisions of Sections 587 and 588 shall not be applicable.

On and after January 1, ~~1946~~ 1964, the pension allowance to the widow or for the benefit of minor children shall be ~~½~~ one-quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) of the base salary of the grade or position of the deceased member in force at the time of his death ~~] a sum equal to one-quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) of the remuneration of the average active member of the Police Department holding the same rank, or grade or position as that of the deceased member~~ BUT IN NO EVENT LESS THAN \$100.00 PER MONTH said benefits to be paid to the widow (or children as above provided), conditioned, however, that the provisions of Sections 587 and 588 shall not apply to a widow unless she shall have been married to a deceased member for at least five years preceding his death, and shall not apply to widows of members whose marriage occurred subsequent to retirement.

Nothing in Sections 587 and 588 shall be construed to be in conflict with the provisions of Section 586 of this Article.

All revenue derived in accordance with the terms of Section 587 shall be kept in a separate and distinct fund to be known as the Special Fund for Widows, and shall be disbursed only for the purposes provided in Sections 587 and 588.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect January 1, 1964.

Approved April 17, 1963.