

~~exceed \$10,000.00.~~ THE FULL-TIME PERMANENT EMPLOYEES OF THE BOARD INCLUDING THE CHIEF CLERK SHALL BE QUALIFIED, EMPLOYED AND COMPENSATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE MERIT BOARD OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY AND SUBJECT TO ITS PRIVILEGES AND RESPONSIBILITIES, PROVIDED THAT, HOWEVER, (1) THE CHIEF CLERK OF SAID BOARD SHALL BE CONSIDERED THE DEPARTMENT HEAD FOR PURPOSES OF SUCH RULES AND REGULATIONS, (2) THERE SHALL BE TWO REGISTERS FOR POSITIONS UNDER SUCH DEPARTMENT HEAD, ONE FOR EACH OF THE TWO LEADING POLITICAL PARTIES, AND (3) THE POSITIONS FILLED FROM EACH REGISTER SHALL NOT EXCEED THE OTHER BY MORE THAN ONE.

(f) Queen Anne's County: In Queen Anne's County, the clerk of the board shall receive an annual salary of \$500.

(g) Somerset County: In Somerset County, the clerk of the board shall receive an annual salary of \$700.

(h) Wicomico County: In Wicomico County the clerk of the board shall receive an annual salary of \$800.00. There also shall be a position of assistant clerk to the board with an annual salary of \$500.00. The salaries of the clerks shall be paid in equal quarterly installments by the County Council of Wicomico County; provided, however, that in the event of special elections or special services rendered, the County Council shall, at the request and recommendation of the board, allow additional compensation as they may deem commensurate with the special services rendered.

(I) WORCESTER COUNTY: IN WORCESTER COUNTY, THE CLERK OF THE BOARD SHALL RECEIVE AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$800.00.

2-7. Judges of election.

(a) Each board biennially shall appoint for each precinct, at least four (4) judges. An equal number of such judges shall be selected from the majority party and the principal minority party in the State; and the board in making any such appointments shall designate the persons intended by it to represent each such political party. The board may require the attendance of these persons before it for examination with respect to their qualifications.

(b) Each judge so appointed must be a registered voter residing in the election district or ward in which the precinct for which he is appointed is located. He must be able to speak, read and write the English language; and during the time of acting as a judge must not hold or be a candidate for any other public or political party office. Each board may prescribe such rules and regulations as they may deem necessary for determining the qualifications of persons proposed for appointment as judges.

(c) Each member of the board shall have a veto upon the proposed appointment of any judge. If in any instance in consequence of the use of such a veto, the board cannot agree upon an appointment, then the member or members of the board belonging to the political party entitled to be represented by such judge shall name three (3) eligible persons for the office, and from this list the other