

*vided in the annual Court budget. The Criminal Assignment Clerk shall assign all criminal cases to the several judges of the Court.*

*The office of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City shall no longer be charged with the responsibility of criminal case assignments for the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City.*

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1970.*

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, THAT SECTION 22-5A(A) (B) (C) BE AND IT IS HEREBY ADDED TO ARTICLE 4 OF THE CODE OF THE PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS OF MARYLAND (1969 EDITION, TITLE "BALTIMORE CITY," UNDER THE SUBTITLE "ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE SUPREME BENCH" TO FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY AFTER SECTION 22-5 THEREOF, AND TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

22-5A.

THE OFFICE OF CRIMINAL ASSIGNMENT COMMISSIONER IS CREATED WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE SUPREME BENCH OF BALTIMORE CITY.

(A) THE SUPREME BENCH OF BALTIMORE CITY SHALL APPOINT, AS CRIMINAL ASSIGNMENT COMMISSIONER, A QUALIFIED PERSON WHO SHALL SERVE DURING ITS PLEASURE AND RECEIVE SUCH COMPENSATION AS SHALL BE APPROVED BY THE SUPREME BENCH AND PROVIDED FROM TIME TO TIME IN ITS ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET. THE SUPREME BENCH OF BALTIMORE CITY, UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CRIMINAL ASSIGNMENT COMMISSIONER, APPROVED BY THE ADMINISTRATOR, SHALL APPOINT SUCH DEPUTY COMMISSIONERS, CLERKS, AND OTHER EMPLOYEES AS THE SUPREME BENCH FROM TIME TO TIME SHALL DETERMINE TO BE NECESSARY FOR THE EFFICIENT OPERATION OF THE SAID OFFICE, ALL OF WHOM SHALL SERVE AT ITS PLEASURE AND RECEIVE SUCH COMPENSATION AS SHALL BE APPROVED BY THE SUPREME BENCH AND INCLUDED IN ITS ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET. THE BUDGET FOR THE CRIMINAL ASSIGNMENT COMMISSIONER AND THE COMPENSATION FOR THE CRIMINAL ASSIGNMENT COMMISSIONER AND SUCH PERSONNEL AS MAY BE APPOINTED BY THE SUPREME BENCH TO CONDUCT THE ACTIVITIES OF HIS OFFICE, SHALL BE AS DETERMINED FROM TIME TO TIME BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE PURSUANT TO THE PROCEDURES GENERALLY FOLLOWED IN SETTING THE BUDGET FOR THE OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS AND THE COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES THEREIN.

(B) THE CRIMINAL ASSIGNMENT COMMISSIONER, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUCH RULES AND POLICIES AS MAY BE ADOPTED FROM TIME TO TIME BY THE SUPREME BENCH, AND UNDER THE GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERVISION OF THE ADMINISTRATOR, SHALL