

inquests, and all of the said testimony so taken and transcribed shall be for the exclusive use and benefit of the grand jury and the State's attorney of said city, unless otherwise ordered by the court.

604B. Any clerk appointed under the provisions of the preceding section shall, before he enters upon the duties of his office, take and subscribe before the Clerk of the Criminal Court of Baltimore City an oath that he will keep secret all matters and things occurring before such grand juries.

604C. It shall be lawful for any stenographer duly appointed and qualified as herein provided to attend and be present at the sessions of every grand jury empaneled in the said city, and it shall be his duty to take in shorthand the testimony introduced before such grand juries, and to furnish to the grand jury and the State's attorney of said city a full copy of all such testimony as such grand jury or State's attorney shall require, and he shall not permit any other person to take a copy of the same, nor any portion thereof, nor to read the same, nor any portion thereof, nor shall he disclose the character of any of the contents of the same to any person or persons other than the grand jury or State's attorney for said city, except upon the written order of the court duly made after hearing the State's attorney. All of the said original minutes shall be kept in the custody of said State's attorney, and neither the same nor a copy of the same shall be taken from the office of said State's attorney excepting for the use of a grand jury for said city or for production in court, without an order of court first had and obtained as above provided.

Attend
sessions of the
grand jury.
Duties.

604D. Any stenographer appointed as aforesaid who shall violate any of the provisions of the three preceding sections with regard to secrecy shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be fined not exceeding one thousand dollars, or imprisoned in jail not exceeding one year, or be both fined and imprisoned in the discretion of the court.

Penalty
for violation,
etc.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 5, 1900.