

CHAPTER 385.

Passed Mar. 20, 1867. AN ACT to provide for the payment of pensions to Maryland soldiers of the war of eighteen hundred and twelve, (1812) and widows of deceased soldiers of eighteen hundred and twelve.

Governor to appoint. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Governor shall annually appoint a suitable person in each Legislative District in the city of Baltimore and in each of the several counties in the State, to be styled "State Pension Commissioners," who shall not be entitled to receive any compensation for the services hereinafter mentioned.

Upon application to Commissioner. Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That upon application being made to the State Pension Commissioner from the city or county where he or she resides, by a soldier of the war of eighteen hundred and twelve, or the widow of any such soldier for the benefit of the relief provided for by this Act, he shall examine carefully into the merits of the case, and if he becomes satisfied of the identity of the person, and that he or she is really in need of such assistance, he shall certify the same to the Comptroller, and authorize the payment of a pension as has heretofore been done by a Resolution of the General Assembly.

Treasurer to pay. Sec. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the Treasurer is hereby directed, on the warrant of the Comptroller, to pay quarterly the sum of eighty dollars per annum to any person so certified to by the State Pension Commissioner from the date of such recommendation during his or her life.

In force. Sec. 4. *And be it enacted,* This Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.