

which may be transacted without the intervention of a jury; *provided*, however, when any of the above mentioned days shall fall on the first day of January, the fourth day of July, or on a day set apart by the laws of Maryland as a legal holiday, the term of court so falling thereon shall begin on the day next succeeding, and writs and processes and appearances to writs and processes issued out of said court shall be returnable accordingly; and in the trial of any case in said court on either the law or equity side thereof, the Judges or Judge presiding shall have the power and authority to employ a stenographer or shorthand reporter to take down the proceedings, including the testimony and opinion of the court, for the use of the court; and the County Commissioners shall levy such compensation for the services of said stenographer or shorthand reporter as the court or Judge thereof shall approve of.

Authority to
employ sten-
ographer.

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

Approved April 7, 1904.

CHAPTER 236.

AN ACT to add an additional section to Article 26 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Courts," to be known as Section 44, relating to the payment of salaries to certain classes of Judges after their retirement from office.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the following section be and the same is hereby added to Article 26 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Courts," to be known as Section 44, relating to the payment of salaries to certain classes of Judges after their retirement from office:

Judges of
courts.

44. Every Judge of the Circuit Court for any of the counties, and of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, and of the Court of Appeals, who shall attain the age of seventy years while in office, after having served the ten preceding consecutive years, and every Judge of any of said courts who shall have served upon the bench fifteen consecutive years, whether such service be before or after the passage of this Act, or partly before or partly after the passage of this Act, and who shall have reached the age of seventy, and every person who has heretofore been elected and has served as Judge of any of

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bench.