

CHAPTER 129.

AN ACT to authorize and empower the Circuit Court for Harford County to appoint a court stenographer and define his duties and provide for his compensation.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Circuit Court for Harford County be and it is hereby authorized and directed to appoint a court stenographer, who shall be a sworn officer of said Court, and said stenographer so appointed shall receive a salary of one thousand dollars per annum, to be paid in equal monthly instalments, as the jurors and bailiffs of said Court are now paid.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the stenographer so appointed shall be skilled in the practice of his art, and shall hold his position during the pleasure of said Court. It shall be his duty at the direction of said Court to take full stenographic notes of all oral testimony and judicial opinions orally delivered at the regular terms of said Court, and of any other judicial opinions or judicial matters requested by said Court, and it shall be his duty to furnish to any party to such proceedings, or his attorney, upon request, a typewritten copy of the notes of testimony and judicial opinions so taken by him, or of such part thereof as may be required, on payment of such party of the expense of such copy, at the rate of five cents for every 100 words. Whenever any judge of said Court shall pass an order requiring a typewritten copy of all or any part of the stenographer's notes taken as aforesaid to be made, it shall be the duty of said stenographer to make such copy without charge, and said transcript shall be filed in the proceedings in which said notes were taken, under such rules as may be prescribed by said Court.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall be lawful for said stenographer to attend and be present at the sessions of each and every grand jury empaneled in the County of Harford, and whenever directed by said Court or the State's Attorney of said county it shall be the duty of said stenographer to attend at said sessions and take full stenographic notes of all oral testimony introduced before said grand juries, and at the request of said Court or State's Attorney to furnish, without charge, a typewritten copy of the notes of the testimony so taken by him, or such part thereof as may be required. And whenever directed by the State's Attorney of said county, said stenographer shall attend upon and take stenographic notes of the testimony given at coroner's inquests in the county, and