

Right of the Board of Estimates to reduce the amount of the estimate of the Board of Police Commissioners. Mandamus held to be unnecessary in this case to compel the city to assess and levy the amount required by the Police Department, as the Police Board has the authority to make requests from time to time upon the City Comptroller for their needs. (Construed in connection with Section 747.)

McEvoy v. Baltimore, 126 Md. 111.

Power of school board as to salaries of teachers.

Thomas v. Field, 143 Md. 128. Graham v. Joyce, 151 Md. 298.

1906, ch. 459. 1914, ch. 80.

**36A.** The Board of Estimates shall have power to increase or decrease the salaries of all municipal officials, and other persons whose salaries are named in this Charter or Acts relating to the City of Baltimore, except the salaries of the members of the Board of Estimates, provided the amount of such increase or decrease shall be inserted as an item or items in the Ordinance of Estimates for any year and be subject to the same control by the City Council as it now has under this Charter of the general items inserted in said ordinance. Provided, however, that when the salary of any municipal official or other person, whose salary is so named, shall be so increased or decreased it shall not again be so increased or decreased during the term of office of said municipal officer or other person.

Does not apply to members of Police Force.

McEvoy v. Baltimore, 126 Md. 111. Thrift v. Ammidon, 126 Md. 126.

1924, ch. 228.

**36AA.** The Mayor and City Council may, by ordinance, increase or decrease the salaries of the members of the Board of Estimates, but when the salary of any member shall be so increased or decreased it shall not again be increased or decreased during his term of office. The Board of Estimates shall include in the Ordinance of Estimates each year the salaries of its members as fixed by ordinance.\*

1912, ch. 429.

**36B.** The Board of Estimates shall have power to appoint, upon nomination of the Mayor, a consulting engineer, who shall be paid a salary to be fixed by said Board, not exceeding \$4,000 per year. The duty of the consulting engineer shall be to advise and assist in the work of the various engineering departments of the city when called upon so to do. All engineering questions which come before the Board of Estimates may be referred to him for consideration and advice, and he shall exercise such other duties as he may be called upon to exercise by the Mayor or the Board of Estimates. The consulting engineer shall not be regarded as a municipal official within the meaning of Section 26.

1914, ch. 539.

**36C.** All purchases of property, and other contracts involving an expenditure of more than five hundred dollars, except those awarded by the Board of Awards under Section 15 of the Charter, made by any

\*See Sec. 31B ante.