

Article 17, Section 18, of Bagby's Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, Edition of 1924, or whose salary is fixed by statute, or whose appointment is subject to the approval of the Judges of the Court of Appeals in accordance with said Article 17, Section 47 of Bagby's Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, Edition of 1924; and likewise whenever any Chief Deputy, Deputy Register of Wills or Assistant Register of Wills or other employee, exclusive of the Register himself, employed in the performance of any of the duties pertaining to the office of the Registers of Wills of the City of Baltimore and any of the several counties of Maryland, whose compensation is limited and fixed by the Comptroller of Maryland in accordance with Article 93, Section 289 of Bagby's Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, Edition of 1924, shall have served, in any one or more of said capacities, twenty-five years and shall have attained the age of sixty years when in office or having served as aforesaid twenty-five years and thereafter upon attaining the age of sixty years, he or she shall be eligible for retirement, and may upon his or her application be retired, and thereafter shall be entitled to, and shall be paid, an annual retirement allowance equal to the result obtained by multiplying the average salary paid to him or her for the five years next preceding his or her retirement or discontinuance in office by the number of years of his or her service, ascertained as aforesaid, and divided by the number seventy.

And whenever any of said parties in this section shall break down physically, or because of any illness or casualty become permanently disabled or disqualified for the further proper performance of the duties of his or her position, while in the service of any such Clerk of the Court or Register of Wills, as aforesaid, after having served a total of fifteen years in one or more of said capacities, as aforesaid, he or she shall likewise be eligible for retirement, and may upon his or her application, be retired, and shall thereafter likewise be entitled to, and shall be paid an annual retirement allowance equal to the result obtained by multiplying the average salary paid to him or her for the five years next preceding his or her retirement by the number of years of his or her service, ascertained as aforesaid and dividing by the number seventy.

1929, ch. 351, sec. 77.

77. Upon receipt of any application from any party claiming to be eligible for a retirement allowance under this sub-title, it shall be the duty of said Retirement Board forthwith to make a prompt and impartial investigation, (and upon the request of the applicant to give him or her a hearing) as to the merits of such application and the facts justifying the same, and in connection therewith to call, swear, examine and hear such witnesses, and to call for and examine such records or documents, or copies thereof, as said applicant or applicants may request or the Retirement Board may desire, and may cause medical examination to be made and expert testimony to be heard regarding the health and physical con-