

CHAPTER 515.

(Senate Bill 219)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 420 (F) of Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland and Baltimore City Charter (1938 Edition), title "Courts," sub-title "Juvenile Causes," as amended by Chapter 984 of the Acts of 1945, relating to the compensation of the Master in the Division for Juvenile Causes.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 420 (F) of Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland and Baltimore City Charter (1938 Edition), title "Courts", sub-title "Juvenile Causes," as amended by Chapter 984 of the Acts of 1945, be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

420 (F). The Supreme Bench of Baltimore City may appoint, upon recommendation of the Judge, a suitable person to act as Master, who shall receive a salary of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) per annum. Upon the recommendation of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, the Board of Estimates of said City shall have the power to regulate the salary of said Master from time to time. The Judge may direct that any case shall be heard in the first instance by such Master in the manner provided for hearing of cases by the court. Upon the conclusion of such hearing, the Master shall transmit to the Judge all papers relating to the case, together with his findings and recommendations in writing, notice of which shall be given to the parent, guardian or custodian of the child and, in the Master's discretion, to any other person concerned in the case, and a hearing by the Judge with respect to the Master's findings and recommendations shall be allowed provided any such person requests the same within such time and in such manner as the rules established for the court may provide. In the event that no such hearing is requested, the findings and recommendations of the Master, if and when confirmed by an order of the Judge, shall become the judgment of the Court.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1947.

Approved April 16, 1947.