

Council of Baltimore City. A sum equivalent to one-half of the annual salary shall be paid by the Comptroller for the State of Maryland from general funds to the several counties and the City of Baltimore, such payments to be made to the said counties and Baltimore City quarterly. The several counties and Baltimore City are hereby directed to levy annually such sums as may be required to pay the remaining one-half of these salaries.

All Supervisors in office on July 1, 1947, shall be paid the minimum salaries as herein provided, provided, however, that the County Commissioners of Anne Arundel County are directed to levy and pay to the Supervisor of said County such additional sum as may be necessary to pay such Supervisor an annual salary of \$5,000.

180. Each County Supervisor of Assessments shall, in addition to his other duties, act as chief assessor in his particular county, with such additional duties as the State Tax Commission shall determine and designate. On or before January first, 1944, each of the several Boards of County Commissioners in this State shall appoint from among the residents of the respective counties such number of assessors as may be found necessary to execute a continuing method of assessment which number shall be fixed by the County Commissioners, after consultation with the State Tax Commission, but if the County Commissioners shall find that in any County the work can be performed by the Supervisor alone, then no assessors shall be appointed; provided, however, that in Harford County the two assessors in office on June 1, 1943, shall constitute the first assessors holding positions under the provisions of this Act, without the necessity of examination or appointment. No appointment shall be made, however, except in the following manner:

The County Commissioners shall submit to the State Tax Commission from the applicants for each position to be filled, a list of not less than three applicants for each position. The State Tax Commission shall interview, examine and grade said applicants, in order to determine their relative qualifications for the position or positions to be filled, and shall certify the list of applicants and their respective grades to the County Commissioners, who shall appoint an assessor for each position from the said list. Upon appointment, each assessor shall perform his duties under the direction of the Supervisor of Assessments, and shall hold his position during good behavior, subject only to removal by the State Tax Commission, after hearing, for incompetency or other cause. In the event of the resignation, death or removal of any assessor, the vacancy