

shall be filled by the County Commissioners in the manner hereinbefore set forth, within 60 days from the date when the vacancy occurs. The annual salaries of the County Assessors and all other expenses incident to local assessment shall be levied for and paid monthly by the several Boards of County Commissioners. Nothing herein shall affect the powers and duties of the Bureau of Assessments in Baltimore City, as prescribed by local law and ordinance.

The annual salary of each assessor shall be determined by the classification of his respective county as established by the State Tax Commission and in accordance with the schedules of compensation herein set forth. The salaries of all assessors herein provided shall be paid monthly by the several counties. 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, such payments to be made to the said counties quarterly. The several counties are hereby directed to levy annually such sums as may be required to pay the remaining one-half of these salaries. The following classifications and their respective schedules prescribing a minimum and maximum salary rate with automatic increases from minimum to maximum, at the rate of 20% each year for a period of five years, shall apply to the assessors of each county:

Class A .....	\$3,000 to \$3,750
Class B .....	2,750 to 3,500
Class C .....	2,250 to 3,000
Class D .....	1,800 to 2,500

The State Tax Commission shall fix the classification of each county only after consultation with the respective Boards of County Commissioners, and in making such classification shall take into consideration the number of individual lots or parcels assessed, the assessable basis, the number of assessors employed and other pertinent factors, relating to the work of said assessors.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That nothing in this Act shall be construed to reduce the salary or compensation received by any Supervisor of Assessments or any assessor now in office or affect the sums received by them as expenses incident to the performance of their duties.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1947.

Approved April 25, 1947.