

proceedings of the Department of Law during the preceding calendar year, together with an itemized statement of his receipts and disbursements during the preceding fiscal year, and such recommendations, if any, as he may consider appropriate to make. Such annual report, together with the opinions rendered by the Attorney-General or his Department during the preceding calendar year, shall be published annually in bound volumes.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That the Attorney-General, upon written request to the Governor approved in writing by the Governor, may from time to time, employ such additional assistant counsel as, in his judgment, may be necessary, in connection with the performance of the duties of his Department in extraordinary or unforeseen cases, or in special local County work. No such additional assistant counsel shall be employed unless the written request from the Attorney-General to the Governor therefor shall state the necessity and reasons for such special employment, the compensation to be paid, and the source or fund from which the same is to be paid. If in any case the Attorney-General cannot ascertain in advance the proper compensation to be paid for such services, he shall so certify to the Governor, and in such case the compensation may be left for future agreement or adjustment.

SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted*, That the provisions of this Act shall not apply to the Public Service Commission of Maryland, the Boards of Supervisors of Elections of the several Counties of the State, the Boards of School Commissioners of the several Counties of the State, or to any County boards or officers, but the powers and authority of such boards or officers to appoint, employ or have their own counsel shall continue as now or hereafter prescribed or authorized by law; and notwithstanding anything in this Act contained, the State reformatories and other State institutions may employ local counsel to represent them in habeas corpus cases.

SEC. 11. *And be it further enacted*, That all Acts and parts of Acts conflicting or inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed so far as they conflict or are inconsistent with this Act.

SEC. 12. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from and after the first day of October, 1916.

Approved April 18th, 1916.