

of the Court for the purchase of books shall be charged as a part of the expense of his office. In no case shall any petitioner be held liable for any costs of the case he or she may institute unless the Court shall be satisfied that the case was instituted without jurisdiction or through prejudice, upon which finding all costs of the proceedings shall be paid by the petitioner. When any constable may serve any summons or notice of the Court, there shall be taxed as part of the costs of the case the usual fee for such services.

173. The provisions of this Act shall be construed as conferring additional and supplementary powers and jurisdiction on said Court and not in substitution of or in conflict with any other powers possessed by the Circuit Court for Harford County under any existing general or local laws.

174. All laws or parts of laws now in force in the State of Maryland, in conflict with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, but no further.

175. The Circuit Court for Harford County be and it is hereby authorized and directed to appoint a court stenographer, who shall be a sworn officer of said Court, and said stenographer so appointed shall receive a salary of fifteen hundred dollars per annum, to be paid in equal monthly installments, as the jurors and bailiffs of said Court are now paid.

176. The stenographer so appointed shall be skilled in the practice of his art, and shall hold his position during the pleasure of said Court. It shall be his duty at the direction of said Court to take full stenographic notes of all oral testimony and judicial opinions orally delivered at the regular terms and at all sittings either at law or in equity of said Court, and of any other judicial opinions or judicial matters requested by said Court, and it shall be his duty to furnish to any party to such proceedings, or his attorney, promptly upon request, a typewritten copy of the notes of testimony and judicial opinions so taken by him, or of such part thereof as may be required, on payment by such party of the expense of such copy at the rate of five cents for every 100 words, excepting when such typewritten copy is required to be written and furnished during the progress of the trial of a case, when he shall be entitled to charge for the same at the rate of twenty cents per 100 words, and five cents per 100 words, for each additional copy. Whenever any Judge of said Court shall pass an order requiring a typewritten copy of all or any part of the stenographer's notes taken as aforesaid to be made, it shall be the duty of said