

stitutional construction, that it does not prohibit, and was never intended to prohibit, the General Assembly from creating salaried officers whose pay should exceed \$3,000. The section was intended to apply to that class of officers whose pay or compensation was derived from fees which they were entitled to receive by law for the performance of their official duties. Thus construed the second clause of Section 1, Article XV, expresses in appropriate terms the intention of the framers," and

WHEREAS, it is the intention and desire of this General Assembly to relieve the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore from the payment of any portion of the salaries to the members of the Public Service Commission, Counsel to said Public Service Commission, State Industrial Accident Commission and the State Tax Commission, and to provide that said salaries of said officers constituting said Commissions and the Counsel therein referred to, shall be paid solely by the State of Maryland, therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the salary of each of the Commissioners of the Public Service Commission of Maryland, created by Chapter 180 of the Acts of 1910, shall be restored to the salaries therein provided, so that the salary of the Chairman of the said Public Service Commission of Maryland shall be six thousand dollars (\$6,000) per annum and the salary of each of the other two Commissioners shall be five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per annum, provided that the increase in salary now received by either of said Commissioners, as increased by Chapter 750 of the Acts of 1914 shall not be reduced by this Act during his present term of office, or until the expiration of his term; that each of the members of the State Industrial Accident Commission of Maryland, created by Chapter 800 of the Acts of 1914, shall receive a salary of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per annum; that the salaries of the members of the State Tax Commission of Maryland, created by Chapter 841 of the Acts of 1914, shall be as follows: To the Chairman of said Commission the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000) per annum, and to each of the other two members the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per annum. And a sum of money sufficient to pay the salaries of the said members of the Public Service Commission, and the Counsel to said Public Service Commission, the members of the State Industrial Accident Commission and the members of the State Tax Commission by the State of Mary-