

provide for his compensation by the County Commissioners of Allegany, Garrett and Washington Counties in certain proportions.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Judges of the Fourth Judicial Circuit of Maryland be and they are hereby authorized and directed to appoint an Official Court Stenographer who shall be a sworn officer of the Courts of said Circuit, and said stenographer so appointed shall receive a salary of two thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars per annum from the time of his or her appointment and qualification, to be paid in equal monthly installments as follows: The County Commissioners of Allegany County shall levy and pay the sum of one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars thereof; the County Commissioners of Washington County shall levy and pay the sum of seven hundred (\$700.00) dollars thereof, and the County Commissioners of Garrett County shall levy and pay the sum of three hundred (\$300.00) dollars thereof. It shall be the duty of the County Commissioners of each of said counties on or before the 10th day of each month to pay to said stenographer its proportionate share of said salary for the preceding month as hereinbefore provided, as long as said stenographer is performing the official duties herein provided for or until said Commissioners are notified by the Judges of said Circuit or any of them to the contrary.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the stenographer so appointed shall be skilled in the art and practice of stenography and typewriting, and shall hold said position until removed by the Judges of said Circuit or a majority of them; and in case of a vacancy in said office said Judges are authorized and directed to appoint a suitable person in conformity with this Act to fill such vacancy. It shall be the duty of said stenographer 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 trials of cases in law or in equity of said Courts when the testimony is taken in open Court, and any other judicial opinions or judicial matters pertaining to the business of the Fourth Judicial Circuit, when requested by any of the Judges thereof. It shall be the duty of said stenographer 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 delivered in open Court and taken down in shorthand,