

9. The said judge shall promptly make or cause to be made such investigation as he may deem necessary. The judge shall decide upon the application, and fix the amount of the pension, if any, and such decision shall be final. An applicant whose application for a pension has been rejected, may not again apply for a pension until the expiration of twelve months from the date of his previous application.

10. (1) The said judge shall issue to each applicant to whom a pension is allowed, a certificate stating the date upon which pension payments shall commence and the amount of each installment, which may be monthly or quarterly as the judge may decide.

(2) Each pensioner under the provisions of this Article shall file such reports with the judge as the County Commissioners or the Supervisors of City Charities of Baltimore may from time to time require. If it appears at any time that the applicant's circumstances have changed, the judge may revoke or modify any pension certificate issued. Any pension paid in excess of the amount due under the provisions of said sections shall be returned to the county or city and may be recoverable as a debt due the same.

11. On the death of a pensioner such reasonable funeral expenses for burial shall be paid to such persons as the judge may direct; provided that these expenses do not exceed One Hundred and Twenty-Five Dollars and provided further that the estate of the deceased is insufficient to defray these expenses.

12. (1) During the continuance of the pension no pensioner shall receive any other relief from the State or from any political sub-division thereof except for medical and surgical assistance.

(2) If the pensioner is, on the testimony of at least three reputable witnesses, found incapable of taking care of himself or his money, the judge may direct the payment of the installments of the pension to any responsible person or corporation for his benefit or may suspend payment, for such period as the judge shall deem advisable.

13. All pensions shall be exempt from any tax levied by the State or by any sub-division thereof, and exempt from levy and