

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 5 of Chapter 254 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1922, be, and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That the said Court 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 Official Court Stenographer at the discretion 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 court 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 of Maryland when requested by any of the Judges thereof, it shall be the duty of said Court 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, or so much thereof as may be requested, on payment by such party of the expense of said copy at the rate of fifteen cents for every hundred words, to the court stenographer for Allegany and Garrett Counties and ten cents for every hundred words to the court stenographer for Washington County, excepting when typewritten copy is requested to be written and furnished during the progress of the trial of the case, when said Court Stenographer for Allegany and Garrett Counties shall be entitled to charge for the same at the rate of thirty cents per hundred words, and said court stenographer in Washington County shall be entitled to charge for the same at the rate of twenty cents per hundred words. Said Official Court Stenographer for Allegany and Garrett Counties shall be entitled to make an additional charge of seven and one-half cents per hundred words per each carbon copy furnished any of said parties at any time, and the official court stenographer of Washington County shall be entitled to make an additional charge of five cents per hundred words per each carbon copy furnished any of said parties at any time. When any Judge of said Court shall pass an order requesting a typewritten copy of all or any part of the notes of said Court Stenographer taken as aforesaid to be made, it shall be the duty of said Court Stenographer to make such copy without charge, and said transcript and also the tran-