

“Special Fund”, said new sections to be known as Sections 943A and 943B, and to follow immediately after Section 943 of said Article, authorizing the Police Commissioner of Baltimore City to establish a Special Fund for the payment of pensions to widows or minor children of certain deceased members of the Police Department, prescribing the methods of establishing the Fund, the conditions for the payment of pensions or benefits therefrom and relating to membership and participation in the said Fund.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That two new sections be and they are hereby added to Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland and Baltimore City Charter (1938 Edition), title “Baltimore City”, sub-title “Special Fund”, said new sections to be known as Sections 943A and 943B, to follow immediately after Section 943 of said Article, and to read as follows:

943A. On and after June 1st, 1939, every active member of the Police Department of Baltimore City who has established eligibility to participate in the benefits of the Special Fund as provided by Section 940 of this Article, and every one thereafter appointed to the said Police Department who becomes eligible to participate in the said Special Fund, shall, on his own election and in consideration of the payment of an additional contribution to a special fund to be known as the Special Fund for Widows, in an amount to be prescribed by the Police Commissioner but in no event to exceed two per centum (2%) of the base salary of the grade or position occupied, provide eligibility for the payment of a pension to his widow until she remarries, and if there be no widow, or if the widow should remarry, the pension shall be paid for the benefit of any child or children of the deceased while under the age of eighteen (18) years. Every active member of the Police Department on June 1st, 1939, shall indicate his election to establish eligibility to participate in the benefits of the Special Fund for Widows by filing, on or before June 1st, 1939, with the Police Commissioner on a form to be prescribed by said Police Commissioner, his desire so to participate and his consent to the deductions to be made from his salary as shown on the payrolls. Any member who fails to file such election form on or before June 1st, 1939, shall thereafter be ineligible to establish eligibility to participate in the Special Fund for Widows. These benefits shall be due and payable in the event of death of a member