

the sum of six hundred (\$600.00) dollars per annum payable monthly and shall receive the extra compensation heretofore provided for serving in capacities other than as County Commissioners and they shall meet at their office in Upper Marlboro four times in each month or oftener if in their judgment the public interest shall require.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1941.

Approved April 23, 1941.

CHAPTER 307.

(House Bill 76)

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 12 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Bastardy and Fornication", said new section to be known as Section 17 and to follow immediately after Section 16 of said Article, providing for the taking of blood tests in bastardy cases to determine parentage, and for admitting the results in evidence in certain cases.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 12 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Bastardy and Fornication", said new section to be known as Section 17 and to follow immediately after Section 16 of said Article, and to read as follows:

17. Whenever the defendant in bastardy proceedings denies that he is the father of the child, upon the petition of the defendant, the court shall order that the complainant, her child and the defendant submit to such blood tests as may be deemed necessary to determine whether or not the defendant can be excluded as being the father of the child. The result of the test shall be received in evidence, but only in case definite exclusion is established. Such tests shall be made in laboratories located in this State, selected by the judges of the Circuit Courts of the counties, and the Criminal Courts of Baltimore City. Reports of such tests shall be made by such laboratories in writing and in the form required by the Courts. These reports shall be accepted as prima facie evidence of the results of such tests. The tests shall be paid for by the county or Baltimore City, as the case may be. When the results of the tests are admitted in evidence, the laboratory technicians who