

Maryland, and James M. Crockett, one of the Associate Judges of the First Judicial Circuit of Maryland, they having become unable to discharge their duties with efficiency by reason of continued illness.

*Whereas*, Benjamin A. Johnson was elected and has been the Chief Judge of the First Judicial Circuit of Maryland since the 17th day of December, 1934, and has served in that capacity with distinguished ability up to the present time and now is prevented by ill health from effectively serving the remainder of his term on the Bench; and

*Whereas*, James M. Crockett was elected and has been an Associate Judge of the First Judicial Circuit of Maryland since the 1st day of December, 1934, and has served in that capacity with distinguished ability up to the present time and now is prevented by ill health from effectively serving the remainder of his term on the Bench; therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, two-thirds of the members of each House concurring, and with the approval of the Governor of the State, that Judges Benjamin A. Johnson, Chief Judge of the First Judicial Circuit of Maryland, and James M. Crockett, one of the Associate Judges of said Circuit, who have by reason of continued illness become unable to discharge the duties of their said offices with efficiency, be and they are hereby retired from their said respective offices as Judge upon condition, however, that the said Judges shall each receive annual payment or salary of eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$8,500.00) as provided for in the Budget, for the remainder of the terms to which they were elected, as hereinbefore set forth. Upon the expirations of their respective terms, each of said Judges shall be entitled to the benefits of the law of this State then governing the payment of pensions to retired Judges who have served fifteen years, and shall be paid such pensions in accordance with the terms and provisions of said law when they attain the age provided in said law for the payment of judicial pensions.

SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall be declared an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and being passed by a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

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