

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That three new sections be and they are hereby added to Article 1 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Allegany County", sub-title "Circuit Court", sub-heading "Court Stenographer", said new sections to be known as Sections 78-A, 78-B and 78-C, to follow immediately after Section 78 of said Article, and to read as follows:

78-A. It shall be lawful for the Official Court Stenographer upon and at the special request of the Circuit Court for Allegany County to attend and be present at the session of any grand jury empaneled in the said County, and it shall be his duty to take in shorthand the testimony introduced before such grand juries, and to furnish to the grand jury and the State's Attorney of said County a full copy of all such testimony as such grand jury or State's Attorney shall require, and he shall not permit any other person to take a copy of the same, nor any portion thereof, nor to read the same, nor any portion thereof, nor shall he disclose the character of any of the contents of the same to any person or persons other than the grand jury or State's Attorney for said County, except upon the written order of the Court duly made after hearing the State's Attorney. All of the said stenographical transcripts shall be kept in the custody of the said State's Attorney, and neither the same nor a copy of the same shall be taken from the office of said State's Attorney excepting for the use of a Grand Jury for said County or for production in Court, without an order of Court first had and obtained as above provided.

78-B. The official Court Stenographer called as hereinbefore provided in Section 78-A shall receive and be compensated for his services at the rate of Five Dollars (\$5.00) per diem or portion thereof.

78-C. The official Court Stenographer, in the event he shall violate any of the provisions of Section 78-A with regard to secrecy, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, on conviction thereof, shall be fined not exceeding One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned in jail not exceeding one year, or be both fined and imprisoned, in the discretion of the Court.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1943.

Approved April 30, 1943.