

out the normal and emergency functions which the county government for Montgomery County is required to maintain; and

WHEREAS, Certain clerks and stenographers are employed by the county government for Montgomery County in the Treasurer's Office for Montgomery County, the County Commissioner's Office for Montgomery County, the State's Attorney's Office for Montgomery County, and the Suburban Commissioner's Offices for Montgomery County whose salaries are set and fixed by law; and

WHEREAS, In order to prevent the loss of the services of the aforesaid clerks and stenographers it is deemed advisable and for the welfare of Montgomery County that the Board of County Commissioners be authorized and empowered to provide additional compensation and pay during the time in which the state of war exists and for such other time thereafter as the County Commissioners, in their discretion, find that the additional high cost of living justifies the additional compensation and pay hereinafter to be authorized.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Board of County Commissioners for Montgomery County be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, in their discretion, to provide additional war-time compensation and pay for clerks and stenographers whose salaries are set by law by Sections 186, 195, 713 and 1090 of the Code of Public Local Laws for Montgomery County (1939 Edition), being Article 16 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Montgomery County" as amended. Provided that any other employees, clerks and stenographers, whose salaries are set by law, not mentioned or enumerated above may, in the discretion of the Board of County Commissioners for Montgomery County, be paid additional war-time compensation and pay, and all such compensation and pay herein authorized shall be in such amounts as the Board of County Commissioners for Montgomery County shall fix and shall be paid from the special clerk's fund and such other funds as the Board of County Commissioners may direct.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That any and all laws either public general or public local law inconsistent with the provisions of this Act be, and they are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and having been passed upon a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths