

CHAPTER 888.

(House Bill 323)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 287 of Article 93 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement), title "Testamentary Law", sub-title "Registers of Wills", relating to the salary of the Register of Wills for Frederick and Harford Counties.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 287 of Article 93 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement), title "Testamentary Law", sub-title "Registers of Wills", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

287. (a) The Register of Wills of Baltimore City and of Frederick County shall be entitled to receive annually a salary of not less than \$3,600 and more than \$7,500, to be fixed and determined by the Board of Public Works and the Register shall be entitled to the salary so fixed and no more.

The Board of Public Works, in fixing the annual salary of the Register of Wills of Baltimore City and of Frederick County, shall be guided in the exercise of its discretion in regard thereto, by the population of said City, or county as the case may be, determined by the last official United States Census, by the current representation of said City or county in the House of Delegates of Maryland, by the dollar volume of total fees and taxes collected and of excess fees turned over to the State for each of the preceding five (5) years by the office of the Register of Wills for which the salary is being fixed and by other pertinent data which has relation to the reasonableness of the salary in relation to the work done and volume handled by the office it being the intent of this Act that the said Register shall receive a fair and adequate compensation for the effort and duties required of him by his office and the volume and character of work done by him as Register in proportion to the salary fixed by the Legislature for other Registers of Wills in this State.

(b) The Register of Wills of the several counties of the State shall be entitled to receive annually the respective salaries hereinafter set forth and no more as follows:

The Register of Wills for Calvert County shall be entitled to receive \$2,500 annually.

The Registers of Wills for Caroline, Charles, Howard, Wicomico, Worcester, St. Mary's and Somerset Counties shall each be entitled to receive the annual salary of \$3,000.

The Register of Wills of Garrett County shall be entitled to receive the annual salary of \$3,200.