

annual salary of each assessor shall be fixed by the County Commissioners, after consultation with the State Tax Commission. No appointment shall be made, however, except in the following manner:

The County Commissioners shall submit to the State Tax Commission from the applicants for each position to be filled, a list of not less than three applicants for each position. The State Tax Commission shall interview, examine and grade said applicants, in order to determine their relative qualifications for the position or positions to be filled, and shall certify the list of applicants and their respective grades to the County Commissioners, who shall appoint an assessor for each position from the said list. Upon appointment, each assessor shall perform his duties under the direction of the Supervisor of Assessments, and shall hold his position during good behavior, subject only to removal by the State Tax Commission, after hearing, for incompetency or other cause. In the event of the resignation, death or removal of any assessor, the vacancy shall be filled by the County Commissioners in the manner hereinbefore set forth, within 60 days from the date when the vacancy occurs. The annual salaries of the County Assessors and all other expenses incident to local assessment shall be levied for and paid monthly by the several Boards of County Commissioners. Nothing herein shall affect the powers and duties of the Bureau of Assessments in Baltimore City, as prescribed by local law and ordinance. Provided that in Washington County there shall be two assessors, who shall be selected in conformity with the provisions of this section, except that one of such assessors shall be affiliated with each of the major political parties in the County, and such assessors shall each receive as compensation for his services the sum of Twenty-four Hundred Dollars (\$2,400) per year, plus necessary expenses. Provided, that in Anne Arundel County, each such assessor shall receive such compensation for his services as shall be fixed by the County Commissioners of said County but not less than \$2,400, nor more than \$3,000 per year, plus necessary expenses.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1st, 1945.

Approved May 4, 1945.

CHAPTER 1023.

(House Bill 511)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 5A of Article 64A of the Code of Public General Laws of