

The Board of Public Works, in fixing the annual salaries of each of the said Clerks of Baltimore City, and of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Frederick County, shall be guided in the exercise of its discretion in regard thereto by the dollar volume of the total fees collected and of excess fees turned over to the State for each of the preceding five (5) years by the Clerk's office for which the salary is being fixed, and the number of cases instituted and tried in the Court for which the salary is being fixed, by the volume of docket entries and recordings transcribed by the office for which the salary is being fixed, and by any other pertinent and relative data, bearing on 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 each clerk shall receive fair and adequate compensation for the effort and duties required by his office, and volume and character of work done by him as Clerk, in proportion to the salaries fixed by the Legislature for the Clerks of the Circuit Courts of the several counties.

(b) The Clerks of the Circuit Courts of the several counties of the State shall be entitled to receive respectively, the annual salaries hereinafter set forth and no more, as follows:

The Clerk of the Circuit Court of Calvert County shall be entitled to receive the annual salary of \$3,500.

The Clerks of the Circuit Courts of Dorchester, Kent, St. Mary's, Harford, Caroline, Somerset, Queen Anne's, Worcester, Talbot, Howard, Wicomico and Charles Counties, shall each be entitled to receive the annual salary of \$3,600.

The Clerk of the Circuit Court of Garrett County shall be entitled to receive the annual salary of \$4,000.

The Clerk of the Circuit Court of Carroll County shall be entitled to receive the annual salary of \$4,200.

The Clerk of the Circuit Court of Baltimore County shall be entitled to receive the annual salary of \$4,800.

The Clerks of the Circuit Courts of Anne Arundel, Washington and Allegany Counties shall each be entitled to receive the annual salaries of \$4,800.

The Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cecil County shall be entitled to receive the annual salary of \$5,000.

The Clerks of the Circuit Courts of Montgomery and Prince George's Counties shall each be entitled to receive the annual salaries of \$5,400.

(c) The salaries of the Clerks of Courts shall be payable semi-monthly from the fees, receipts and emoluments of the office, after first deducting therefrom the necessary expenses of the office, including salaries of deputies and clerks, books, stationery, office supplies and other necessary and customary expenses of doing business. If there shall be any excess of the fees, receipts and emoluments of the office in any year, after