

for that court, who shall be a sworn officer of the court, but shall be required to attend the sessions of such court only when specially summoned by the presiding judge therefor. The stenographer so appointed shall be skilled in the practice of his art and shall hold his position so long as he efficiently discharges the duties of his office. In any proceeding in said court in which either party shall give notice that in the event of a decision of said court adverse to the claim of such party, an appeal will be taken to the Court of Appeals, the presiding judge of the court shall require the attendance of the stenographer, whose duty it shall be in such proceedings to take full stenographic notes of all oral proofs and judicial opinions orally delivered; and in case appeal shall be taken from the decision of the court, such notes shall be transcribed and shall become a portion of the record of the case, to be transmitted by the judges of the court to the Court of Appeals. The stenographer shall receive as compensation for his services the sum of twelve dollars for each day of actual attendance at the court, by direction of the presiding judge thereof, which sum the presiding judge shall cause to be paid by the petitioner, and shall enforce payment thereof; and if the notes so taken shall be transcribed, as hereinbefore provided, the expense of such transcriptions, at the rate of sixty cents for each page so transcribed, shall be taxed in the bill of costs of the proceedings to the party appellant, and shall thereafter be awarded as costs by the Court of Appeals in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Public General Laws.

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

Approved April 23, 1945.

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CHAPTER 664.

(House Bill 431)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 16 of Article 62 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Marriages", relating to annulment of marriages.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 16 of Article 62 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Marriages", be and it is here-