

attend only when his services shall be specially required by the judges; the said salaries to be paid in like manner as the salaries of the other officers of the courts are now paid, as prescribed in Section 488. Every official court stenographer of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, including the stenographer assigned to the Grand Jury, who after having served twenty-five preceding consecutive years, shall attain the age of sixty-five years while in office, or shall have become physically or mentally incapacitated from performing the duties of court stenographer from ailments or accidents not resulting from any own misconduct, shall be entitled to retirement with a salary of \$1,000 per annum, payable as other official stenographers' salaries are now paid, provided that such retirement shall be evidenced by a satisfactory certificate approved by the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, directed to the Comptroller of the City of Baltimore, advising him of the retirement of the stenographer, and that said retirement is in accord with the provisions of this section.

690. Upon the organization of each grand jury, as provided for in the preceding section, and upon their request therefor, signified to the judge or judges for the time being especially assigned to and sitting in the Criminal Court of the said city, the said judge or judges may and they are hereby authorized and empowered to appoint a clerk, who shall be a competent stenographer, at a compensation not exceeding the rate of Forty-one hundred and Forty Dollars (\$4,140) per annum, to be paid by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, which said clerk shall have authority to take and transcribe the testimony given before any grand jury in said City of Baltimore, and whenever required by the State's Attorney, shall attend upon and take and transcribe the testimony given at coroner's inquests, and all of the said testimony so taken and transcribed shall be for the exclusive use and benefit of the grand jury and the State's Attorney of said city, unless otherwise ordered by the Court. In addition to the compensation aforesaid to be paid to said clerk by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, the said Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall make compensation to said stenographer for all testimony taken and transcribed by him at any coroner's inquest or inquests, and when requested by the State's Attorney for the use of his office, at a rate not exceeding fifteen cents per hundred words of such testimony.

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

Approved April 23, 1945.