

tated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Testamentary Law", sub-title "Register of Wills", providing that the salary of the Register of Wills of Washington County shall be set by the Board of Public Works.

**SECTION 1.** *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 298(a) and 298(b) (7) of Article 93 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Testamentary Law", sub-title "Register of Wills", be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and to read as follows:

298. (a) The Register of Wills of Baltimore City and of Frederick, *Washington*, and Montgomery Counties shall be entitled to receive annually a salary of not less than \$3,600 and not 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] and *Washington Counties* shall be guided in the exercise of its discretion in regard thereto, by the population of said City, or County, 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 section 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:

(7) The Register of Wills of Allegany [and Washington Counties] *County* shall [each] be entitled to receive the annual salary of \$4,800.

**SEC. 2.** *And be it further enacted,* That nothing in this Act shall be construed to affect or change the salary of the Register of Wills of Washington County in office at