

having served twenty-five preceding consecutive years, shall attain the age of sixty-five years while in office, or have become physically or mentally incapacitated from performing the duties of court stenographer from ailments or accidents not resulting from any of his 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.

385. Upon the organization of each Grand Jury, as provided for in the preceding section, and upon their request therefor, signified to the Judge of 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 ~~Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000)~~ *Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000)* 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 magistrates' hearings, 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 the 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 the said stenographer for all testimony taken and transcribed by him at any magistrates' hearing or hearings, 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 testimony.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect January 1, 1956.

Approved March 24, 1955.

CHAPTER 86

(Senate Bill 63)

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Public Education", said new section to be known as Section 254A, to follow immediately after Section 254 thereof, to be under the sub-title "Free Scholarships" and under the new sub-heading "Hood College, Frederick", AND

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.