

not less than one month nor more than six months, or be both fined and imprisoned, in the discretion of the Court; and in addition thereto any boat used in violation of the provisions of this section may be by the Court hearing the case involving such violation, declared forfeited to the State of Maryland and delivered to the Department of Tidewater Fisheries for such disposition thereof as may, in the opinion of said Department, be most advantageous to the State. The provisions of this section are not intended to supersede Section 656 (g) of Article 66C, providing for display of canvas dredge boat licenses on sails.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1955.*

Approved April 11, 1955.

CHAPTER 342

(House Bill 250)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 25 of Article 17 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Clerks of Courts", sub-title "General Duties of Clerks", relating to the salaries of the Chief Deputy Clerks of Courts in Baltimore City.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 25 of Article 17 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Clerks of Courts", sub-title "General Duties of Clerks", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

25. The State Comptroller, on application of the Clerk of the Court in any County or the Clerk of any of the Courts in Baltimore City, or on his own initiative, shall have the authority and power to fix the compensation or salary of all of the employees in the office of any of said Clerks, which compensation or salary is paid by the State or out of the fees of such office; provided, however, that in no event shall any compensation or salary be fixed at an amount less than that being paid such employee or employees on July 1, 1945, whether such salary be fixed by general or local law or otherwise. *Provided, however, that on or after July 1, 1955, the State Comptroller shall allow and pay a salary increase of \$1,500.00 per year to each Chief Deputy Clerk of the several Clerks of Court in Baltimore City. Said increase shall be based upon and to be in addition to the compensation or salary received by each such Chief Deputy Clerk immediately prior to July 1, 1955.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1955.*

Approved April 11, 1955.

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.