

by the Director of Probation in carrying out the functions and duties of the Department.

213F. *Salaries.* The salaries of all personnel in the Department shall be fixed by the Court, subject to the approval of the County Commissioners. The County Commissioners are hereby authorized to make all levies and appropriations necessary to provide for the salaries so fixed and all expenses and costs properly incurred under this sub-title.

213G. *All regular employees and officers of the Department shall be entitled to membership in the County Retirement and Pension Systems and shall be entitled to the same right and duties thereunder as other County employees.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That Section 55 of Article 26 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Courts", sub-title "Juvenile Causes", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

55. **[The]** *Unless probation facilities under the Court's supervision are otherwise provided by public local law, the Judge may appoint a suitable person to act as probation officer, who shall receive such salary or compensation as may be fixed by the County Commissioners and such actual traveling expenses as may be approved by the County Commissioners. The County Commissioners of two or more counties of either one or more judicial circuits, with the approval of the Circuit Courts of such counties, may extend the work of any such probation officer or the work of any such probation facilities to two or more counties of either one or more judicial circuits, whenever by reason of the volume of work to be handled or from another cause such arrangements **[is]** are deemed best. Nothing in this sub-title shall be construed adversely to affect the status, either as to compensation or as to tenure of employment, of any probation officer employed by any Circuit Court immediately prior to June 1, 1945.*

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That any and all public general and public local laws, or any part or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, be and they are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistency.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1955.

Approved April 18, 1955.

CHAPTER 499

*Ratified*

(House Bill 556)

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-

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.