such increase or increases from the emergency fund of the County, said payments being hereby declared to be for an emergency purpose.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly of Maryland, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 18, 1955.

## CHAPTER 544

## (House Bill 839)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 30 of Article 17 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Clerks of Court", sub-title "General Duties of Clerks", providing for increase in salary for assistant clerks in Baltimore City.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 30 of Article 17 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Clerks of Courts", sub-title "General Duties of Clerks", be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

30. The Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to approve the inclusion in the annual returns required under Section 26 hereof, of expenditures by Clerks of the Circuit Courts for the Counties and the Clerks of the Courts of Baltimore City representing payment of additional compensation to assistant clerks and deputies employed in these offices of fifteen per centum (15%) of the regular compensation authorized for such assistant clerks and deputies, provided this authority for additional compensation shall be limited to those assistant clerks and deputies whose regular compensation does not exceed Three Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$3,800.00) per annum; the said payment of additional compensation to become effective July 1, 1945, and to be added to the regular compensation at the time of payment of such regular compensation. Commencing July 1, 1955, assistant clerks of the courts of Baltimore City shall be entitled to compensation of \$500.00 in addition to their existing annual salary. The additional compensation herein provided for shall not apply to the Chief Clerks of the offices of the Clerks of the Courts of Baltimore City, for whose regular compensation appropriations are made in the State Budget.

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

Approved April 18, 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.