

as if subdivided or on any other basis. *The State Tax Commission shall have the power to establish criteria for the purposes of determining whether lands subject to assessment under this sub-section are actively devoted to farm or agricultural use by the adoption of rules and regulations. Such criteria shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:*

(1) *Zoning applicable to the land.*

(2) *Present and past use of the land* INCLUDING LAND UNDER THE SOIL BANK PROVISIONS OF THE AGRICULTURAL STABILIZATION ACT OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

(3) *Productivity of the land* INCLUDING TIMBERLANDS AND LANDS USED FOR REFORESTATION.

(4) *The ratio of farm or agricultural use as against other uses of the land.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1957.

Approved April 10, 1957.

CHAPTER 681

(House Bill 773)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 278 (a) of the Code of Public Local Laws of Baltimore County (1955 Edition, being Article 3 of the Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Baltimore County", sub-title "Title 21 Orphans' Court and Register of Wills", to provide for the appointment of a Chief Appraiser for said Court and two Assistant Appraisers and to fix their compensation in Baltimore County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 278 (a) of the Code of Public Local Laws of Baltimore County (1955 Edition, being Article 3 of the Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Baltimore County", sub-title "Title 21 Orphans' Court and Register of Wills", to provide for the appointment of a Chief Appraiser for said Court and two Assistant Appraisers and to fix their compensation in Baltimore County.

278. (a) On granting letters testamentary or of administration or of collection by the Orphans' Court of Baltimore County, a warrant or warrants shall issue under the seal of office authorizing two persons of discretion, both of whom shall be selected by the Court and neither of whom shall be related to the deceased nor interested in the administration, to appraise the goods, chattels and personal estate

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.