

Maryland Tax Court

224. An administrative body designated as the Maryland Tax Court is hereby created with the powers and duties in this Article specified. The Court shall consist of five judges, to be appointed by the Governor, ~~one of whom he shall designate as Chief Judge, and the judge so designated shall retain such status for his term of office.~~ One of said judges shall be a resident of the Eastern Shore of Maryland, one a resident of the counties of the Western Shore of Maryland, and one a resident of Baltimore City. The other two judges shall be residents of the State at large. Not more than three of such judges shall be of the same political party, and each of them shall be a taxpayer and qualified voter of this State. At least ~~one~~ TWO of such judges shall be a member MEMBERS OF THE BAR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, ONE OF WHOM THE GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE AS CHIEF JUDGE, WHO SHALL RETAIN SUCH STATUS FOR HIS TERM OF OFFICE. Each of such judges, before entering upon the duties of his office, shall take the oath prescribed by the Constitution, to be administered by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the County or the Superior Court of Baltimore City, according to the residence of each judge, and to the Clerk of which Court, the Governor shall forward a commission to such judge. The term of office of the Judges of said Court shall be six years, commencing on the first Monday in June next ensuing their respective appointments and said judges shall hold office until their respective successors are appointed and qualified. The term of office of each of the members of the State Tax Commission now serving and the member of said Commission now holding the designation of chairman, shall terminate and end upon July 1, 1959, and each member shall be appointed as a judge of the Maryland Tax Court hereby created, to serve, however, only for such period of time as is equal to the unexpired balance of the term for which they, respectively, were appointed as members of said State Tax Commission. In addition, the Governor shall appoint one judge for a term expiring on the first Monday of June in 1960 and one judge for a term expiring on the first Monday of June in 1962. In case of any vacancy, the Governor shall appoint a successor for the unexpired term, subject to the limitations and qualifications contained herein. The Chief Judge of said Court shall receive a salary of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) per annum, and each of the ~~two~~ other judges shall receive a salary of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000), said salaries to be payable out of the Treasury of the State and be subject to Article 3, Section 35 of the Constitution.

225. (a) The Court shall have a clerk to be appointed by it, who shall maintain a full and true record of all proceedings in the Court in dockets and shall maintain files of all pleadings and exhibits in proceedings in the courts, all of which shall be public records, and the clerk shall be responsible to the Court for the suitable preservation and custody of all such dockets and files. Under the direction of the court, the Clerk shall perform such duties as the court may prescribe.

(b) The Court may, from time to time, appoint one or more deputy clerks who shall perform such duties as the Court may prescribe. The Clerk, and such deputy or deputies as may be appointed by the Court, shall have power and authority to administer oaths in all