

parts of the State, so far as the exercise of such power is properly incidental to the performance of his or their duties or those of the Court. The Court may designate, from time to time, one of its deputy clerks to perform the duties of the Clerk during his absence. The annual salary of the Clerk, and of such deputy clerk or clerks, as may be appointed by the Court, shall be as provided in the State Budget.

226. The Court shall have power to employ such clerks, stenographers, typists, and other employees as it may deem necessary in order that it may carry out the provisions of this sub-title or to perform the duties and exercise the powers conferred by law upon the Court, at such salaries as shall be provided in the State Budget. The Court shall provide for the services of a Court Reporter at all hearings. Copies of the record of proceedings before the Court shall be furnished to the parties in the same manner and upon the same conditions that records are furnished in proceedings in the law or equity courts of this State.

227. The Court shall adopt a seal, and the principal office of the Court shall be in the City of Baltimore at such place as the Board of Public Works shall, from time to time, select and determine. The Court shall be supplied with all necessary books, maps, charts, stationery, office furniture, telephone and telegraph connections, and all necessary appliances and incidentals, to be paid for out of the funds provided for expenses of the Court in the State Budget. The offices of the Court shall be open for business during such hours as the Governor shall order and designate and at such other times as the Court shall deem necessary, and one or more responsible persons to be designated by the Court or the Clerk under the direction of the Court, shall be on duty at all such times in immediate charge thereof.

228. A majority of the members of the Court shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business, for the performance of any duty or for the exercise of any power of the Court. The Court is empowered and directed to sit for the hearing of matters within its jurisdiction in Baltimore City and each of the county seats from time to time as may be necessary. The determination of any matter brought before the Court shall be evidenced by a judgment or order duly signed by one of the judges and filed with its clerk. A copy thereof, duly certified by said clerk, under the seal of the Court, shall be evidence in any cause or proceeding in any Court of this State.

229. (a) All appeals to the Court, of whatever nature, shall be noted by the filing of a written petition which shall set forth succinctly the nature of the case, the facts involved and the question or questions to be reviewed by the Court. The opposing party shall make such response as the Court may by rule prescribe.

(b) The Court shall have power, subject to the provisions of this Article, to adopt such reasonable rules of procedure relating to pleadings, notices, hearings and arguments as it may deem proper.

(c) Proceedings before the Court shall be de novo and shall be conducted in a manner similar to proceedings in courts of equity in this State.