

clerks and other supporting personnel. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, he shall have power to assign and rotate the judges of said court among its various divisions and parts in such manner as he shall determine, subject to the limitations hereinafter in this subsection provided with respect to the housing part of the criminal division and to designate the days of the week and hours of the day or night when such judges shall sit in the various parts and divisions. Notwithstanding the foregoing power in the chief judge to assign and rotate the judges of said court, any assignment to the housing part of the criminal division shall be for a minimum period of twelve months, provided, however, that the foregoing limitation shall not prevent either (1) the assignment of another judge temporarily to preside in the housing part in event of the illness, temporary absence or other temporary inability to serve of the judge regularly assigned to the housing part; or (2) the regular assignment of another judge to the housing part, from time to time, for such minimum period of twelve months, in the event of the request for reassignment by or the resignation or other permanent inability to serve of the judge regularly assigned to the housing part, or in the event of the reassignment by the chief judge with the concurrence and approval of a majority of all the other judges, of the judge regularly assigned to the housing part, or (3) the judge regularly assigned to the housing part from being assigned from time to time to preside in another part or division of the court when not engaged in the trial of cases in the housing part.

In the absence of the chief judge, that associate judge who is senior in service on the court shall be the acting chief judge. If two or more associate judges shall be equally senior in such service, that associate judge who shall be senior in date of admission to practice before the Court of Appeals of Maryland, from among the associate judges equally senior in such service, shall be the acting chief judge. The acting chief judge shall perform all of the duties and exercise all of the powers imposed and conferred upon the chief judge during the absence of the chief judge.

(b). The associate judges of said court shall each be paid a salary of [~~\$15,000~~] ~~\$17,500~~ per annum.

(c). (1) Every elected judge of the Municipal Court of Baltimore City shall be paid, after the termination of his active service, if he is then at least sixty years of age or when he becomes sixty years of age, a pension or salary calculated at the rate of [three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00)] ~~five hundred dollars (\$500.00)~~ per annum for each year or any part thereof of active service by appointment and election as a judge of said Municipal Court up to and including twenty years of such active service, so that a maximum pension or salary for such service payable hereunder to any one person shall not exceed the sum of [seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.00)] ~~twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00)~~ (\$10,000.00) per annum. Any former judge who accepts any salaried public office or position, municipal, county, State or federal, shall not be paid any such pension or salary so long as he remains in any such office or position. No pension shall be payable hereunder to any retired judge of the Municipal Court of Baltimore City who is receiving another pension under the employees' retirement system of the City of Baltimore, or the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Maryland.