

(l) *The members of the Sheriff's office except the Sheriff shall be subject to the provisions of a Merit System to be established by the Board of Public Safety, and shall be removed only for cause and after a hearing.*

(m) *The Board of County Commissioners shall MAY include all of the members of the Sheriff's office in the Maryland State Retirement System as provided by Sections 21 to 30 of Article 73B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), as amended from time to time.*

(n) *No members of the Sheriff's office shall engage in any political activity.*

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted, That all laws or parts of laws, public general or public local, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistency.*

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1965.*

Approved May 4, 1965.

CHAPTER 677

(Senate Bill 308)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, ~~Section 23 (a)~~ SECTIONS 23 (A) AND (D) of Article 17 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Supplement), title "Clerks of ~~Court~~", COURTS", sub-title "General Duties of Clerks", relating to the maximum annual salary which clerks of the county circuit courts AND OF THE COURTS OF BALTIMORE CITY may receive.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That ~~Section 23 (a)~~ SECTIONS 23 (A) AND (D) of Article 17 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Supplement), title "Clerks of ~~Court~~", COURTS", sub-title "General Duties of Clerks", be and it is THEY ARE hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

23.

(a) The clerk of each of the circuit courts of this State, in each county shall be entitled to receive annually a salary of not less than \$6,000.00 and not more than ~~\$13,000.00~~ ~~\$15,000.00~~ \$17,000.00 to be fixed and determined in each instance by the Board of Public Works of this State on the basis of the relative volume of business and receipts in each such office. Each clerk of the court shall be entitled to the salary fixed and no more.

(D) THE CLERK OF EACH OF THE LAW AND CRIMINAL AND EQUITY COURTS OF BALTIMORE CITY SHALL BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE ANNUALLY A SALARY OF NOT LESS THAN \$12,000 AND NOT MORE THAN \$17,000 TO BE FIXED