

(1) The counsel to the board in Baltimore County shall receive such annual compensation as may be included in the county budget from time to time but, in no event, to be less than \$2,000 per annum.

~~(2) The board in Montgomery County may employ any member of the Bar of Maryland, resident in Montgomery County, who shall be paid for his services the sum of \$1,200 per annum.~~

~~(3)~~(2) The board in Wicomico County shall have the power to employ an attorney, who shall be a member of the bar of Wicomico County and who shall also be the attorney for the judges; and the attorney shall receive an annual salary of \$800 which shall be paid in equal quarterly installments by the County Council of Wicomico County, provided, however, that in the event of special elections or special services rendered, the County Council shall, at the request and recommendation of the board, allow such additional compensation as they may deem commensurate with the special services rendered.

2-6. Appointment of employees.

Each board has the power to appoint and to remove clerks, registrars, voting machine custodians and deputy custodians, stenographers, and other employees, including temporary assistants, and to prescribe their duties and fix their rank and compensation except as provided elsewhere in this Article. DURING THE TIME OF ACTING IN ANY CAPACITY UNDER THIS SECTION NO EMPLOYEE SHALL HOLD OR BE A CANDIDATE FOR ANY PUBLIC OR PARTY OFFICE.

(a) Baltimore City: The board in the City of Baltimore shall have the following employees at the minimum salaries indicated: Chief clerk at a salary of \$4,500 per annum; assistant chief clerk at a salary of \$4,500 per annum; two registrars at a salary of \$3,800 each per annum; two assistant registrars at a salary of \$3,000 each per annum; two clerks at a salary of \$3,500 each per annum; one clerk at a salary of \$2,900 per annum; two clerks at a salary of \$2,780 each per annum; thirteen clerks at a salary of 2,660 each per annum; four clerks at a salary of \$2,420 each per annum; custodian of voting machines at a salary of \$2,900 per annum; three deputy custodians of voting machines at a salary of \$2,660 each per annum; three typists at a salary of \$1,815 each per annum; one stenographer at a salary of \$2,300 per annum.

(1) All such salaries in Baltimore City shall be as established in the ordinance of estimates in Baltimore City, except that they may not be less than as specified hereinabove in this subsection.

(2) The chief clerk, with the approval of the board shall from time to time secure such temporary assistants as may be necessary for the proper transaction of the business of the office, and the mayor and city council of Baltimore shall provide not less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) annually for the compensation of these temporary assistants.

(3) Nothing in this subsection shall be so construed as to prevent the board from requiring any of the above mentioned employees to perform such duties as the board may, in its discretion, deem advisable.