

## CHAPTER 260

(House Bill 591)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 36 and 37 of Article 26 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume), title "Courts," subtitle "Circuit Courts for the Counties—Court Stenographers," to provide for the appointment, salaries and expenses of court stenographers in the second judicial circuit of this State.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 36 and 37 of Article 26 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume), title "Courts," subtitle "Circuit Courts for the Counties—Court Stenographers," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

**36.**

The judges of the second judicial circuit of this State are hereby authorized and empowered to employ ~~two~~ ~~competent~~ stenographers, ~~one to serve in the respective courts of said circuit located in Cecil County and one to serve in the respective courts of said circuit located in Caroline~~ ~~], Kent, Queen Anne's]~~ and Talbot counties.

**37.**

The salary AND EXPENSES of each stenographer shall be ~~no less than six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) per year from the first day of July, 1961, plus reimbursement for expenses.~~ The county commissioners of Caroline ~~], Kent, Queen Anne's]~~ and Talbot counties shall each pay ~~[one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00)]~~ ~~three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00)~~ towards the sum for the salary of the stenographer serving in the court of the second judicial circuit located in said counties. Said payments shall be made in quarterly installments from the first day of July, 1961. The County Commissioners of Cecil County shall pay the salary of the stenographer serving in the courts of the second judicial circuit located in Cecil County. The boards of county commissioners which are liable for the payment of said salaries have the authority to increase said salaries in their discretion. The sum of not less than six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) per year shall be supplemented by reimbursements for traveling and other expenses PAID BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE STENOGRAPHER SERVES AND IF THE STENOGRAPHER SERVES IN MORE THAN ONE COUNTY THESE PAYMENTS SHALL BE SHARED BY THE VARIOUS COUNTIES IN WHICH HE SERVES, IN SUCH PROPORTIONS AS MAY BE AGREED UPON BY THE RESIDENT JUDGES OF THE COUNTIES IN WHICH HE SERVES.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That it is the intent of the Legislature in the enactment of this provision that if the court reporter now serving the four counties of Kent, Queen Anne's, Talbot and Caroline is appointed by the judges to serve in Talbot and Caroline counties as herein set forth, he shall be paid not less than the amount he received as salary immediately prior to the effective date of this Act.