

as shall be provided in the annual Ordinance of Estimates of Baltimore City and approved by the Supreme Bench under the provisions of Section 303D of Article IV of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland as it may be amended from time to time. The Supreme Bench is further authorized to adopt appropriate rules governing the court reporters and the manner in which they shall perform their duties.

298. *Court Reporters: Longevity Retirement*

(a) Any official court reporter of the Supreme Bench appointed prior to January 1, 1956, including any reporter assigned to the grand jury, who has served twenty-five preceding consecutive years or has attained the age of seventy years while so employed, shall be entitled to retirement with a salary of \$4,000 per annum; provided, however, such retirement shall be mandatory at age seventy years.

(b) Every court reporter receiving a retirement salary on the effective date of this Act, who was retired upon attainment of sixty or more years of age, and the completion of twenty-five consecutive years of service, shall be entitled to a retirement salary of \$4,000 per annum.

(c) Retirement salaries paid under subsections (a) and (b) of this Section shall not be diminished by reason of the retired reporter's having any earned income.

(d) No reporter appointed after January 1, 1956 shall be entitled to any retirement salary under this Section.

299. *Court Reporters: Disability Retirement*

(a) Every official court reporter who, on the effective date of this Act is receiving a retirement salary under the provisions of this subtitle by reason of physical or mental incapacity to perform the duties of his position, shall thereafter be entitled to a retirement salary of \$4,000 per annum when eligible therefor under paragraph (c) of this Section.

(b) Any official court reporter appointed prior to January 1, 1956, who, having served less than twenty-five preceding consecutive years and being under seventy years of age, shall become physically or mentally incapable of performing the duties of that position by reason of ailments or accidents not resulting from his own misconduct, shall be entitled during the period of such incapacity to a retirement salary of \$4,000 per annum when eligible therefor under paragraph (c) of this Section.

(c) Every court reporter otherwise entitled to a retirement salary under subsections (a) or (b) above, shall receive such salary only when such retired reporter's earned income is less than \$4,000 per annum; and the amount of such retirement salary shall be the difference between the retired reporter's earned income and the \$4,000 maximum provided herein. In order to claim a retirement salary under this Section, each court reporter retired by reason of incapacity shall, on January 1st of each year, file with the Administrator of the Supreme Bench a statement showing (1) his earned income for the previous year, and (2) his anticipated earnings for