

CHAPTER 545

(House Bill 1393)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 298(a) and (b) and 299(a) and (b) of the Charter and Code of Public Local Laws of Baltimore City (1949 Edition, being Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Baltimore City," subtitle "Criers, Bailiffs, Watchmen and Stenographers," as last amended by Chapter 334 of the Acts of 1968; to increase the retirement salaries of court reporters.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 298(a) and (b) and 299(a) and (b) of the Charter and Code of Public Local Laws of Baltimore City (1949 Edition, being Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Baltimore City," subtitle "Criers, Bailiffs, Watchmen and Stenographers," as last amended by Chapter 334 of the Acts of 1968, be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

298.

(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]~~ \$6,000 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 has 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]~~ \$6,000 per annum.

299.

(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]~~ \$6,000 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 and 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]~~ \$6,000 per annum when eligible therefor under paragraph (c) of this Section.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1969.

Approved May 2, 1969.