

CHAPTER 562
(Senate Bill 578)

AN ACT to amend Sections 49, 50, 130 and 131 of Article 26 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume and 1968 Cumulative Supplement), title "Courts," subtitles "Pensions of Judges and their Widows," "Municipal Court of Baltimore City," and "Court of Special Appeals," respectively, providing that the pensions of judges of the Circuit Courts, the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City and the Municipal Court of Baltimore, and their widows, shall apply to judges confirmed by the Senate, as well as to those elected, and providing for the appointment and confirmation by the Senate of judges of the Court of Special Appeals.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the provisions of Sections 49, 50, 130 and 131 of Article 26 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume and 1968 Cumulative Supplement), title "Courts," subtitles "Pensions of Judges and their Widows," "Municipal Court of Baltimore City," and "Court of Special Appeals," respectively, be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, as follows:

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(a) Every [elected] judge of the circuit court for any of the counties, of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, of the Court of Appeals of Maryland and of the Court of Special Appeals, *who has been elected by the people or confirmed by the Senate*, shall be paid, after the termination of active service, if he is then at least sixty years of age or when he becomes sixty years of age, a pension or salary calculated at the rate of seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750.00) per annum for each year, or any part thereof, of active service by appointment and election *or confirmation* as a judge of the circuit court for any of the counties, of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, of the Court of Appeals of Maryland and of the Court of Special Appeals, up to and including sixteen years of such active service, so that the maximum pension or salary for such service payable hereunder to any one person shall not exceed the sum of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00) per annum.

(b) In addition to the payment of a pension or salary of seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750.00) for each year of service, each judge of the Court of Appeals shall be allowed one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each year of service as a member of the Court of Appeals but, in no event, shall the total pension or salary exceed thirteen thousand six hundred dollars (\$13,600.00).

(c) In addition to the payment of a pension or salary of seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750.00) for each year of service, each judge of the Court of Special Appeals shall be allowed fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each year of service as a member of the Court of Special Appeals, but in no event, shall the total pension or salary exceed twelve thousand eight hundred dollars (\$12,800.00).

(d) Provided, however, that any elected judge who retired prior to July 1, 1955, or who during the period from July 1, 1955 to July 1, 1962, voluntarily retired from active service after reaching the age of sixty years and before reaching the age of seventy years, and has