

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 290 of the 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the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Baltimore City," subtitle "Register of Wills," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

290.

The Register of Wills of Baltimore City shall appoint [five appraisers] *a number of appraisers as approved from time to time by the State Comptroller,* for his full term of office, unless their places shall become vacant by removal from cause, death, resignation or otherwise. The said appraisers shall appraise the goods, chattels and personal estates of all decedents under administration in the Orphans' Court of Baltimore City; and shall in each case make the charges therefor now allowed by law and certify the same to the Register of Wills; they shall receive [an annual salary of Three Thousand (\$3,000.00) Dollars each,] *such annual salary respectively as may be established by the State Comptroller from time to time,* to be paid by said Register out of the fees of the office. The said Register shall keep an accurate account of all monies received for such appraisements, and shall account for and pay the same into the State Treasury, as he is now required by law to account for and pay other monies for which he is accountable to the State.

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

Approved May 14, 1969.

CHAPTER 659

(House Bill 430)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 19(a) of Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Supplement), TITLE, "REVENUE AND TAXES," SUB-TITLE "METHOD OF ASSESSMENT," ~~providing that real property assessments in Baltimore County may be increased after the date of finality if the market value of the property increases after this date and generally related to increasing real property assessments after the date of finality.~~ PROVIDING THAT LAND MAY BE REASSESSED AS OF THE SEMI-ANNUAL DATE OF FINALITY UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 19(a) of Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Supplement), title "Revenue and Taxes," subtitle "Method of Assessment," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

19.

(a) In valuing and assessing real estate, the land itself and the buildings or other improvements thereon shall be valued and as-