pensation for the effort and duties required of him by his office and the volume and character of work done by him as Register in comparison to the salary fixed by the Board of Public Works for each of the other Registers.

The salaries of the Registers shall be payable semi-monthly from the fees and receipts of the office, after deducting the necessary expenses of the office, including salaries of deputies and clerks, books, stationery, office supplies and other necessary and customary expenses of doing business.

If the fees and receipts of the office shall be insufficient in any month to pay all or any part of the expenses of the office and authorized salary of any Register, the deficiency shall be deducted by the Register for that month, from the taxes due the State Comptroller from said office for that month, provided, however, that written authority for such deduction shall be first obtained from the State Comptroller. In the event that tax collections for the given month are insufficient, the Comptroller shall make up the deficit from funds provided in the State Budget for this purpose.

## 2-206. Report of fees and expenses of the office.

Every Register shall return annually to the Comptroller a full and accurate account of the fees and receipts of his office and of all the expenses incident to the proper conduct of his office, such account to be verified and in such form and supported by such proofs as shall be prescribed by the Comptroller. Included in the report of expenses shall be a list of the employees of his office, stating the rate of compensation allowed to each and the duties performed by each, to which each employee shall append a verified certificate that said duties have been performed by him and that he has received the full sum charged to him and that he has not paid, deposited, assigned, or contracted to pay, deposit or assign any part of such compensation to any person, nor in any way, directly or indirectly, paid or given or contracted to pay or give any reward or compensation for his office or employment. The excess, if any, of fees and receipts over expenses shall be delivered by the Register to the Comptroller with each report.

## 2-207. Powers and duties of Registers.

In addition to all other powers and duties provided for in this Article, each Register shall:

- (a) appoint such deputies and clerks as shall be required for the efficient operation of his office, such appointments and the compensation therefor to be approved by the Comptroller. When duly qualified, all such deputies shall have the power and authority to act in the place and stead of the Register and all such acts performed by any such deputy shall have like force and effect as if they had been performed in person by the Register;
- (b) receive, file and store safely every original paper and record left in his custody, in such repository of the Court House as the Court may direct, and the County Commissioners, County Council or the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall provide and keep in repair the said repository at the expense of the County or of Baltimore City, respectively;