

the generality of the foregoing, he shall have power to assign and rotate the judges of said court among its various divisions and parts in such manner as he shall determine, subject to the limitations hereinafter in this subsection provided with respect to the housing part of the criminal division and to designate the days of the week and hours of the day or night when such judges shall sit in the various parts and divisions. Notwithstanding the foregoing power in the chief judge to assign and rotate the judges of said court, any assignment to the housing part of the criminal division shall be for a minimum period of twelve months, provided, however, that the foregoing limitation shall not prevent either (1) the assignment of another judge temporarily to preside in the housing part in event of the illness, temporary absence or other temporary inability to serve of the judge regularly assigned to the housing part; or (2) the regular assignment of another judge to the housing part, from time to time, for such minimum period of twelve months, in the event of the request for reassignment by or the resignation or other permanent inability to serve of the judge regularly assigned to the housing part, or in the event of the reassignment by the chief judge with the concurrence and approval of a majority of all the other judges, of the judge regularly assigned to the housing part, or (3) the judge regularly assigned to the housing part from being assigned from time to time to preside in another part or division of the court when not engaged in the trial of cases in the housing part.

In the absence of the chief judge, that associate judge who is senior in service on the court shall be the acting chief judge. If two or more associate judges shall be equally senior in such service, that associate judge who shall be senior in date of admission to practice before the Court of Appeals of Maryland, from among the associate judges equally senior in such service, shall be the acting chief judge. The acting chief judge shall perform all of the duties and exercise all of the powers imposed and conferred upon the chief judge during the absence of the chief judge.

(b) The associate judges of said court shall each be paid a salary [of \$18,500.00] per annum *equivalent to 85% of the salary paid to the judges of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City* OF ~~\$25,925.00~~ TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000.00).

(B-1) THE SALARIES AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL NOT BE SUPPLEMENTED IN ANY MANNER WHATSOEVER.

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

Approved April 23, 1969.

CHAPTER 398
(House Bill 1341)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 13J of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "In General,"