Teachers' Retirement System," to increase minimum standard amount for retirement benefits to public school teachers in Kent County and maintain additional payments applied thereto.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 200(b) of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume), title "Public Education," subtitle "Chapter 17. Teachers' Retirement System," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

200.

(b) When benefits less than [\$125] \$175 per month in Kent County.—Any public school teacher of Kent County who retired prior to July 1, 1956, and who is receiving any retirement benefits (exclusive of a disability retirement allowance) under the provisions of this subtitle, when such benefits in the aggregate are less than one hundred and [twenty-five (\$125.00)] seventy-five (\$175.00) per month, shall receive an additional sum not exceeding fifty dollars (\$50.00) per month upon application to the Board of County Commissioners, and the Commissioners shall levy annually an amount sufficient to pay such additional benefits. The sum granted to any applicant by the County Commissioners (subject to the fifty dollars (\$50.00) limitation) shall be such that when added to whatever the applicant is receiving from the Teachers' Retirement System, the total shall not exceed one hundred and [twenty-five dollars (\$125.00)] seventyfive dollars (\$175.00) per month. Provided further that the Board of County Commissioners of Kent County may, in their discretion, pay over to any retired public school teacher covered by this section an additional monthly retirement benefit so long as the total retirement benefit received by such public school teacher under this subtitle and under this subsection shall not in the aggregate exceed two thousand one hundred dollars [(\$2,000)] (\$2,100) per annum; and the Commissioners are authorized to levy annually an amount sufficient to pay such additional benefits.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1970.

Approved April 28, 1970

CHAPTER 517

(House Bill 1295)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 23(a) and (b) of the Code of Public Local Laws of Charles County (1969 Edition, being Article 9 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Charles County," subtitle "Circuit Court," relating to court reporters for the Circuit Court of Charles County.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Sections 23(a) and (b) of the Code of Public Local Laws of Charles County (1969 Edition, being Article 9 of the Code of Public