

149. *Chief Clerk, Administrative Clerks and Personnel.*

(a) *There shall be a chief clerk of the District Court and a chief administrative clerk in each of the districts, a clerk in each county and other clerical and administrative employees as necessary to conduct the business of the Court. The chief clerk shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the chief judge of the District Court. Each chief administrative clerk shall be appointed by the Chief Judge of the District Court, upon the recommendation of the appropriate administrative judge of the district and shall serve at the pleasure of the Chief Judge of the District Court.*

*All employees shall be appointed by the chief judge of the District Court upon the recommendation of the administrative judge in each district. Except as otherwise provided by law, all persons who at the effective date of this subtitle in the City of Baltimore or any county are employees of a People's Court, the Municipal Court of Baltimore City, a Magistrates Court or the Housing Court of Baltimore County shall continue as employees of the District Court, and within ninety (90) days thereafter such persons shall elect either to remain under any county, city, or municipal merit, classification, leave, or health system of which they are then a part, or to transfer to the merit or classification, leave, or health system of the State, and those employees hired after the effective date of the subtitle shall be under any State merit or classification system in existence for State employees.*

(b) *The chief clerk of the District Court shall be responsible, subject to the direction of the chief judge of the District Court, for the administration and day-to-day clerical operation of the District Court and its several divisions and locations and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by rule or by law. He may delegate administrative duties to other clerical or administrative personnel of the District Court in a manner consistent with rule and with law. The chief administrative clerk in each district shall be responsible to the chief clerk of the District Court and the administrative judge of the district for the maintenance and operation of the clerical staff and work within the district, including dockets, records, and all necessary papers. The District Court clerk in each county shall be responsible for the custody and maintenance of the files, records, and operations of the court in his or her county subject to the direction of the chief judge of the District Court or his designee.*

(c) *The chief clerk of the District Court, the chief administrative clerk in each district and the District Court clerk in each County, before entering upon his duties, shall each give bond to the State of Maryland in such penalty amount or amounts as fixed by the Comptroller of the State, and each of the bonds shall remain in force during the tenure of office of the respective clerks, and shall have corporate sureties satisfactory to the Comptroller, and the premiums for the bonds shall be paid by the State.*

150. *Dockets and Records, Court of Record.*

(a) *The chief clerk of the District Court and the clerks of the District Courts in each district and county shall keep and maintain the dockets, records, and papers of the District Court. The records shall be retained in the custody of the respective clerks except when*