

being Article 19 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "St. Mary's County," subtitle "Circuit Court," to change the manner of compensating the court reporters and court stenographers in St. Mary's County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 7 of the Code of Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County (1965 Edition, being Article 19 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "St. Mary's County," subtitle "Circuit Court," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

7.

The Judges of the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Maryland shall appoint one or more official court reporters for the circuit courts of Calvert, Charles, Prince George's, and St. Mary's Counties, respectively. These reporters each shall be expert stenographers or otherwise competent to record court proceedings. Each shall hold office during the pleasure of the judges of said respective courts. The court reporters or stenographers in Prince George's County shall be paid a per diem to be fixed by the [court not to exceed \$40.00 for each and every day of actual service;] *county commissioners after consultation with the county administrative judge;* and the court stenographers for Calvert and St. Mary's Counties shall be paid a per diem to be fixed by the [court not to exceed \$40.00 for each and every day of actual service.] *county commissioners after consultation with the county administrative judge.* Each such court stenographer shall be paid such expenses as may be approved by the court payable by the County Treasurer of the county in the circuit court of which such services shall have been rendered, as a part of the court's expenses, upon the presentation of a certificate of the clerk or any of the judges of said courts showing attendance and services of said reporter. However, in Calvert and St. Mary's Counties the court reporter or stenographer shall be paid mileage at the rate of ten cents per mile for all necessary travel between his home and the place of executing his duties as such; and the court reporters or stenographers in Calvert and St. Mary's Counties after having served at least two years in such position shall be granted two weeks vacation with pay which shall be computed from the weekly average of per diem compensation during the year.

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

Approved May 21, 1970.

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CHAPTER 682

(Senate Bill 717)

AN ACT to add new Section 384B to Article 48A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume), title "Insurance Code," subtitle "The Insurance Contract; General" to follow immediately after Section 384A thereof and to provide for the com-