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(a) 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]** *the* respective courts. The court reporters or stenographers in Prince George's County shall be paid a per diem or annual salary to be fixed by the county **[commissioners]** *council* after consultation with the county administrative judge; and the court stenographers for Calvert and St. Mary's Counties shall be paid a per diem or annual salary to be fixed by the county commissioners after consultation with the county administrative judge. Each such court stenographer or reporter shall be paid **[such]** expenses as may be approved by the court payable by the County Treasurer or similar officer of the county in the circuit court of which **[such]** *the* 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]** *the* court showing attendance and services of **[said]** *the* reporter. However, in Calvert and St. Mary's Counties the court reporter or stenographer **[shall]** *may* 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 per diem compensation during the year**]**.

(b) *In addition to the provisions of subsection (a) above, the Judge of the Seventh Judicial Circuit resident in St. Mary's County is authorized to appoint an official court reporter for the circuit court for St. Mary's County at a salary to be fixed by the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County on the recommendation of the Resident Judge of the County. The County Commissioners shall be responsible for a sum equal to the full salary of the court reporter.*

(c) *Court reporters shall attend and take full stenographic notes of, or otherwise record, all oral testimony and judicial opinions in all proceedings in the courts at such times and in such cases as the respective courts may direct. The reporters shall make and furnish to any party, upon request, a typewritten transcript of any part of their notes, upon payment by the party of the expenses incident to the transcript at a rate to be fixed by the court.*

(d) *The court may, in any case pending in any of the courts direct the reporters to transcribe the notes taken with respect to the case, and the cost thereof at the rates fixed by the court shall be taxed as a part of the cost in the case, or if the court shall so direct, be paid as a part of the court expenses.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.*

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