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(A) THE RESIDENT JUDGE OR JUDGES IN EACH OF THE COUNTIES OF CALVERT, CHARLES, PRINCE GEORGE'S, AND ST. MARY'S, SHALL APPOINT ONE OR MORE OFFICIAL COURT REPORTERS FOR THE CIRCUIT COURTS OF EACH OF THESE COUNTIES, RESPECTIVELY. EACH REPORTER MUST BE AN EXPERT STENOGRAPHER OR OTHERWISE COMPETENT TO RECORD COURT PROCEEDINGS. EACH SHALL HOLD HIS POSITION DURING THE PLEASURE OF THE JUDGE OR JUDGES WHO APPOINTED HIM.

(B) (1) IN CALVERT, PRINCE GEORGE'S, AND ST. MARY'S COUNTIES THE COURT REPORTER OR REPORTERS SHALL BE PAID A PER DIEM OR AN ANNUAL SALARY FIXED BY THE COUNTY GOVERNING BODY AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE.

(2) IN CHARLES COUNTY THE COURT REPORTER OR REPORTERS SHALL BE PAID A PER DIEM OR ANNUAL SALARY FIXED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE. THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR A SUM EQUAL TO ONE-THIRD OF THE SALARY OF THE COURT REPORTER. THE CLERK OF THE COURT SHALL PAY THE SALARY TO THE REPORTER OR REPORTERS BI-WEEKLY FROM THE FEES OF OFFICE COLLECTED BY THE CLERK. PRIOR TO MAY 1 OF EACH YEAR THE CLERK OF THE COURT SHALL SUBMIT A VOUCHER TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, AND THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL PROMPTLY REIMBURSE THE CLERK OF THE COURT ONE-THIRD FOR THE AMOUNT OF THE COURT REPORTER'S SALARY.

(C) EACH COURT REPORTER SHALL BE REIMBURSED FOR EXPENSES AS APPROVED BY THE COUNTY COURT. REIMBURSEMENT SHALL BE MADE BY THE COUNTY TREASURER OR SIMILAR OFFICER OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE SERVICES WERE RENDERED, AS A PART OF THE EXPENSES OF THE COURT AND UPON PRESENTATION OF A CERTIFICATE FROM THE CLERK OF THE COURT SHOWING THE ATTENDANCE AND SERVICES OF THE REPORTER.

(D) AS DIRECTED BY THE RESPECTIVE COURTS, THE REPORTERS SHALL ATTEND AND TAKE FULL STENOGRAPHIC NOTES OF OR OTHERWISE RECORD ALL ORAL TESTIMONY AND JUDICIAL OPINIONS IN ALL PROCEEDINGS IN THE COURT.

(E) IN ANY PENDING CASE THE COURT MAY DIRECT THE REPORTER OR REPORTERS TO TRANSCRIBE THE NOTES TAKEN THEREFOR. AS DIRECTED BY THE COURT, THE COSTS OF TRANSCRIPTION MAY BE IMPOSED AS PART OF THE COSTS IN THE CASE OR PAID AS PART OF THE GENERAL EXPENSES OF THE COURT.

(F) UPON REQUEST BY ANY PARTY, A REPORTER SHALL PREPARE AND FURNISH A TYPEWRITTEN TRANSCRIPT OF ANY PORTION OF HIS NOTES, UPON PAYMENT BY THE PARTY OF THE EXPENSES INCIDENT TO THE TRANSCRIPT AND AT A RATE FIXED BY THE COURT.