Courts and Judicial Proceedings, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1976 Supplement) be and they are hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article — Courts and Judicial Proceedings 2-504.

- (a) The clerk of circuit court of a county or [the] a court of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City shall receive an annual salary -f-of not less than \$10,000 or more than \$25,000 \$30,000-]- as set by the board of public works -f-on the basis of the relative volume of business and receipts in his office, provided that in Baltimore City a clerk's salary may not be less than \$12,000-]-. WHEN THE CLERK-OF-EAGH-COURT-ELECTED IN THE NOVEMBER ELECTION OF 1978 COMMENCES HIS TERM, THE CLERK-OF-EAGH-COURT-SHALL RECEIVE AN ANNUAL SALARY AS SET BY-THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND ANY COST-OF-LIVING INCREASES.
- (b) A clerk shall devote his full working time to the duties of his office and is entitled to the salary fixed [and no more] AND-ANY-COST-OF-LIVING-INGREASES BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the provisions of this Act shall not be construed to extend or apply to the salary of the Clerks of Court in office on the effective date of this Act, but the provisions of this Act concerning the salary of the Clerks of Court shall take effect at the beginning of the next following term of office.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1977.

Approved April 29, 1977.

CHAPTER 175

(Senate Bill 315)

AN ACT concerning

Strip Mining - Revegetation

FOR the purpose of transferring from the State Forester to the Bureau of Mines responsibility for inspection of replanted areas, approval of revegetation, and release of revegetation bonds.