

calculated at the rate of \$1,500 annually for each year, or a part of a year, of active service; but the maximum pension or salary for the service by an associate judge may not exceed \$15,000 annually. Each Chief Judge who was in active service on or after January 1, 1981, shall be paid, after the termination of active service, if he is then at least 60 years of age or when he shall attain 60 years of age, a pension or salary calculated at the rate of \$1,525 annually for each year, or a part of a year of active service, but the maximum pension or salary for the service by a Chief Judge may not exceed \$15,250 annually. The pension or salary shall be paid by the City of Baltimore in the same manner as the salaries of the judges of the Court for the City are paid.

(2) The surviving spouse of every elected judge of the Court of Baltimore City shall be paid one half of the pension to which his spouse was entitled at the time of his death, or would have become entitled to by reason of attaining 60 years of age. In each instance, the pension shall be paid to the spouse until remarriage or death. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply in the case of a spouse who was married to a sitting judge for a period of less than three years prior to his death, and to a retired judge for a period less than three years before his retirement.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, pursuant to Article III, Section 35 of the Constitution of Maryland, this Act may not be construed to extend or apply to the salary or compensation of the judges of the Orphans' Court for Baltimore City in office on the effective date of this Act, but the provisions of this Act concerning the salary or compensation of the judges of the Orphans' Court for Baltimore City 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 October 1, 1998.

Approved April 28, 1998.

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## CHAPTER 319

### (House Bill 1425)

AN ACT concerning

#### Caroline County - Treasurer - Salary

FOR the purpose of altering the salary of the Treasurer of Caroline County; providing that this Act does not apply to the salary or compensation of the incumbent Treasurer of Caroline County; and generally relating to the Treasurer of Caroline County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 25 - County Commissioners

Section 51(h)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)