**§ 5. Appointment, duties, salaries and compensation of court officers and employees.** 1. The court of claims shall appoint and may at pleasure remove the clerk of the court, one confidential stenographer to the presiding judge, stenographers, typists, attendants and other clerical assistants. They shall perform such duties as the court may prescribe. The number of stenographers, typists, attendants and other clerical assistants employed and the salaries of all employees shall be fixed by the court of claims. Such temporary employees as may be needed shall likewise be appointed.

1-a. The clerk of the court and such other non-judicial personnel as shall be authorized by law, rule or order shall each have the power to administer oaths, take acknowledgments and sign the process or mandate of the court.

2. Any officer or employee of the court shall be paid his actual traveling and other expenses while in the discharge of his duties, elsewhere than in the city of Albany, to be audited by the court and paid from the contingent fund.

3. No charge shall be made against the state by the clerk or the stenographers for copies of minutes, testimony or papers furnished to the attorney general or to the court or filed in the office of the clerk. When copies of minutes of testimony or other proceedings in the court of claims are delivered to the claimant or impleaded parties at their request, the stenographer shall be entitled to be paid in accordance with the provisions of the civil practice law and rules.