Chapter 837

(House Bill 1115)

AN ACT concerning

Howard County - Orphans' Court Judges - Compensation

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FOR the purpose of establishing the annual compensation of the judges of the Orphans' Court for Howard County for certain fiscal years; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the compensation of the judges of the Orphans' Court for Howard County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Estates and Trusts Section 2–108(o) Annotated Code of Maryland (2017 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Estates and Trusts

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(o) (1) Each ASSOCIATE judge of the Court for Howard County shall receive AN annual compensation [of \$10,000], to be paid monthly, OF:

- (I) \$12,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019;
- (II) \$14,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020;
- (III) \$16,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021; AND
- (IV) \$18,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022.

(2) The [annual salary of the] Chief Judge [is \$11,500] SHALL RECEIVE AN ANNUAL COMPENSATION, to be paid monthly, OF:

- (I) \$13,500 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019;
- (II) \$15,500 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020;

(III) \$17,500 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021; AND

(IV) \$19,500 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022.

(3) Each judge shall also receive an expense allowance, in addition, up to \$50 per month, for personal expenses incidental to the judge's duties, to be paid by the Treasurer of Howard County each month on presentation of an itemized voucher.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, pursuant to Article III, § 35 of the Maryland Constitution, this Act may not be construed to extend or apply to the salary or compensation of the judges of the Orphans' Court for Howard County while serving in a term of office beginning before 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 Howard County shall take effect at the beginning of the next following term of office. This limitation does not apply to an individual appointed or elected after the effective date of this Act to fill out an unexpired term.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2018.

Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 26, 2018.