

BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 191

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 3, strike “to be collected when filing” and substitute “for”; in line 5, strike “law actions filed” and substitute “certain actions”; and in line 8, strike “(1) and (2)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 16, strike “BALTIMORE CITY AND”; in the same line, strike “and” and substitute a comma; in line 17, after “County,” insert “AND IN PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION FOR BALTIMORE CITY,”; and in line 24, strike “BALTIMORE CITY AND FOR”.

On page 2, in line 1, strike “A.”; strike beginning with “IN” in line 2 down through “CITY.” in line 4 and substitute a semicolon; and after line 11, insert:

“(3) The Clerk of the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County shall collect, in advance, a \$10 fee for docketing the appearance of counsel when bringing or defending a civil action in the court.

(4) THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BALTIMORE CITY SHALL:

(I) COLLECT, IN ADVANCE, A \$20 FEE FOR DOCKETING THE APPEARANCE OF COUNSEL WHEN BRINGING OR DEFENDING A CIVIL ACTION IN THE COURT;

(II) CHARGE AS COSTS THE FOLLOWING FEE FOR DOCKETING THE APPEARANCE OF COUNSEL WHEN BRINGING OR DEFENDING A CRIMINAL ACTION;

(Over)

1. IF THE PUNISHMENT FOR THE OFFENSE CHARGED IS DEATH OR CONFINEMENT IN THE STATE PENITENTIARY, A \$20 FEE; AND

2. FOR ANY OTHER CRIMINAL ACTION, A \$10 FEE; AND

(III) COLLECT, IN ADVANCE, A \$20 FEE FOR DOCKETING THE APPEARANCE OF COUNSEL WHEN BRINGING OR DEFENDING A CASE IN THE COURT OF APPEALS.”.