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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City - Orphans' Court**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Chief Judge of the Orphans' Court for Baltimore
4 City to devote full time to the work of the Court; altering the salaries of the
5 judges of the Orphans' Court for Baltimore City; providing that this Act does not
6 apply to the salary or compensation of the incumbent judges of the Orphans'
7 Court for Baltimore City; and generally relating to the Orphans' Court for
8 Baltimore City.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article - Estates and Trusts
11 Section 2-106(b) and 2-108(d)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1991 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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15 Article - Estates and Trusts
16 Section 2-108(a)
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18 (1991 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

21 **Article - Estates and Trusts**

22 2-106.

23 (b) (1) The sessions of the Court in Baltimore City shall continue from 10
24 a.m. to 4 p.m., if necessary for the transaction of the business of the Court.

25 (2) (i) In Baltimore City, a judge of the Orphans' Court who is also an
26 attorney-at-law has full power to do any act which the Court is or may be authorized

1 by law to perform, including the power to hold court on a day not named in an
2 adjournment.

3 (ii) On request of any interested party filed within the time
4 determined by the Court, two judges shall be required to act for the Court.

5 (3) THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE ORPHANS' COURT OF BALTIMORE CITY
6 SHALL DEVOTE FULL TIME TO THE WORK OF THE COURT.

7 2-108.

8 (a) Except in Montgomery and Harford Counties, the judges of the courts shall
9 receive compensation and allowances as prescribed by law. Unless otherwise
10 provided, the compensation shall be paid in monthly installments. Mileage or travel
11 expenses may not be allowed to a judge for attending sessions of his court except as
12 specifically provided.

13 (d) (1) (i) Each associate judge of the Court of Baltimore City shall receive
14 an annual compensation of [~~\$45,000~~] \$60,000, and the Chief Judge shall receive an
15 annual compensation of [~~\$46,000~~] \$80,000.

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

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

35 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, pursuant to Article III,
36 Section 35 of the Constitution of Maryland, this Act may not be construed to extend or
37 apply to the salary or compensation of the judges of the Orphans' Court for Baltimore
38 City in office on the effective date of this Act, but the provisions of this Act concerning
39 the salary or compensation of the judges of the Orphans' Court for Baltimore City
40 shall take effect at the beginning of the next following term of office.

1 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 1998.