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By: **Senator Baker**

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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Registers of Wills - Salary**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the maximum salary that the Board of Public Works may  
4 set for a register of wills of a county; and providing that this Act does not apply  
5 to the salary or compensation of an incumbent ~~clerk~~ register.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
7 Article - Estates and Trusts  
8 Section 2-205(a)  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (1991 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article - Estates and Trusts  
13 Section 2-205(b)  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (1991 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

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**Article - Estates and Trusts**

2 2-205.

3 (a) (1) It is the intent of this section that each register shall receive a fair  
4 and adequate compensation for the effort and duties required of the register by the  
5 register's office.

6 (2) The volume and character of work done by the register shall be in  
7 comparison to the salary fixed by the Board of Public Works for each of the other  
8 registers.

9 (b) (1) Each register is entitled to receive an annual salary of not less than  
10 \$6,000 and not more than [\$64,000] \$75,000, to be determined in each instance by the  
11 Board of Public Works.

12 (2) In determining the annual salary of the register, the Board of Public  
13 Works shall be guided in the exercise of its discretion by:

14 (i) The population of the county determined by the last official  
15 United States census;

16 (ii) The dollar volume of total fees and taxes collected and excess  
17 fees turned over to the State for each of the preceding 5 years by the office of the  
18 register for which the salary is being fixed; and

19 (iii) Other pertinent data which have relation to the reasonableness  
20 of the salary in relation to the work done and volume handled by the office.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, pursuant to Article III,  
22 Section 35 of the Constitution of Maryland, this Act may not be construed to extend or  
23 apply to the salary or compensation of the ~~clerk of each circuit court~~ registers of wills  
24 in office on the effective date of this Act, but the provisions of this Act concerning the  
25 salary or compensation of the ~~clerk of each circuit court~~ registers of wills shall take  
26 effect at the beginning of the next following term of office.

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