

SENATE BILL 721

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By: **Senator McFadden**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Estates and Trusts - Orphans' Court - Baltimore City - Pension of Judges**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the annual pension or salary for certain retired
4 associate judges of the Orphans' Court for Baltimore City; increasing the annual
5 pension or salary for certain retired Chief Judges of the Orphans' Court for
6 Baltimore City; and generally relating to increasing the pension for certain
7 retired judges of the Orphans' Court for Baltimore City.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Estates and Trusts
10 Section 2-108(d)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1991 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - Estates and Trusts**

16 2-108.

17 (d) (1) (i) Each associate judge of the Court of Baltimore City shall receive
18 an annual compensation of \$50,000, and the Chief Judge shall receive an annual
19 compensation of \$60,000.

20 (ii) Each associate judge who was in active service on or after
21 January 1, [1981] 1984 shall be paid after the termination of active service, if he is
22 then at least 60 years of age or when he shall attain 60 years of age, a pension or
23 salary calculated at the rate of [\$1,500] \$2,500 annually for each year, or a part of a
24 year, of active service; but the maximum pension or salary for the service by an
25 associate judge may not exceed [\$15,000] \$25,000 annually. Each Chief Judge who
26 was in active service on or after January 1, [1981] 1984, shall be paid, after the
27 termination of active service, if he is then at least 60 years of age or when he shall
28 attain 60 years of age, a pension or salary calculated at the rate of [\$1,525] \$3,000
29 annually for each year, or a part of a year of active service, but the maximum pension

1 or salary for the service by a Chief Judge may not exceed [~~\$15,250~~] \$30,000 annually.
2 The pension or salary shall be paid by the City of Baltimore in the same manner as
3 the salaries of the judges of the Court for the City are paid.

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

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 October 1, 2000.