

BY: Appropriations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 656

(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, after "Clerks" insert "and Rental of Space for Clerks of Court"; in line 4, after "of" insert "requiring the Administrative Office of the Courts to pay counties rent for certain space in county facilities occupied by the clerks of the circuit courts, as provided in certain agreements approved by the Board of Public Works; prohibiting an agreement for rental from exceeding a certain amount and including certain provisions; prohibiting a county from decreasing the space allocated to the clerk of the circuit court below a certain amount;"; in line 10, strike "appropriations" and substitute "funds"; in line 13, after "Act;" insert "providing for a delayed effective date;"; and in line 17, after "Section" insert "1-504 and".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 16, insert:

"1-504.

(A) THE BUDGET FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS SHALL INCLUDE FUNDS TO PAY RENT TO COUNTIES FOR SPACE OCCUPIED IN COUNTY FACILITIES BY CLERKS OF THE CIRCUIT COURTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

(B) TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET, THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS SHALL PAY RENT TO A COUNTY UNDER THIS SECTION AT THE RATE NEGOTIATED WITH THE COUNTY AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.

(C) (1) THE RENT NEGOTIATED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY NOT EXCEED \$10 PER NET USABLE SQUARE FOOT.

(Over)

(2) AN AGREEMENT FOR RENT MAY NOT INCLUDE ANY PROVISION FOR SEPARATE REIMBURSEMENT OF MAINTENANCE AND UTILITY COSTS.

(D) A COUNTY MAY NOT DECREASE THE NET USABLE SQUARE FOOTAGE ALLOCATED TO THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY BELOW THE NET USABLE SQUARE FOOTAGE ALLOCATED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, strike beginning with “THERE” in line 20 down through “NECESSARY” in line 21 and substitute “THE BUDGET FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS SHALL INCLUDE FUNDS”; and strike beginning with the comma in line 22 down through “APPEALS” in line 24.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, in line 33, after “That” insert “this Act does not, except as specifically provided in this Act, modify any existing duty or liability of the State, a county or Baltimore City.”

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That”;

and in line 34, strike “2002” and substitute “2003”.

On page 3, in line 1, strike “2002 through 2009” and substitute “2003 through 2010”; in line 5, after “Appeals” insert “and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly”; strike in their entirety lines 9 through 11, inclusive, and substitute:

“SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if a county or Baltimore City provides a salary to a law clerk employed before July 1, 2002 that is greater than the State salary provided to the law clerk by the State, the county or Baltimore City shall supplement the State salary in an amount sufficient to maintain the annual salary the law clerk received prior to the effective date of this Act. A county or Baltimore City is not required to supplement the salary of a law clerk hired after the effective date of this Act.”;

in line 12, strike “4.” substitute “5.”; and in line 13, strike “2001” and substitute “2002”.