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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 655 (Chairman, Judicial Proceedings Committee)
(Maryland Judicial Conference)

Judicial Proceedings

Judiciary

Clerks of Courts - Auditor's Report and Bonds - Recording and Indexing

This bill repeals the requirement that a clerk of a circuit court record, index, and maintain:

- an auditor's report of distribution of proceeds of a sale of real or personal property if ratified by the court; and
- all bonds of every nature and kind given in any proceeding in the court.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2001.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill would not directly affect State operations or finances.

Local Effect: Efficiency savings for circuit court clerks' offices.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: A clerk of a circuit court must record, index, and maintain the following information when filed in the court:

- an auditor's report of distribution of proceeds of a sale of real or personal property if ratified by the court;

- all bonds of every nature and kind given in any proceeding in the court; and
- a test book containing the oaths of office and signatures of every person who takes the oath before the clerk.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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