

BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 511

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, after "Fund -" insert "Use"; in the same line, after "Funding" insert a comma; in line 6, after "Fund;" insert "making it a misdemeanor to make certain disbursements from the Fund; establishing certain penalties;"; and in line 11, after "Section" insert "13-603 and".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 21, insert:

"13-603.

(a) The Fund consists of:

(1) Surcharges collected under § 13-604 of this subtitle; and

(2) Revenues from copies made on equipment bought through the Fund.

(b) The Fund is a nonlapsing revolving fund which is not subject to § 7-302 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

(c) The Fund shall be used EXCLUSIVELY to repair, replace, improve, modernize, and update office equipment and equipment related services in the land records office of the clerk of the circuit court for each county, as the Administrator considers appropriate, with advice from the oversight committee.

(d) Expenditures under this section shall only be made pursuant to an appropriation approved by the General Assembly in the annual State budget prior to the expenditure or obligation of funds.

(Over)

(e) The Fund shall be subject to an audit by the Office of Legislative Audits as provided for in § 2-1220 of the State Government Article.

(f) Disbursements from the Fund shall supplement and may not be a substitute for any funds designated in the State budget for office equipment and services in the land records office of the clerk of the circuit court for each county.

(G) A PERSON WHO MAKES A DISBURSEMENT FROM THE FUND FOR ANY PURPOSE NOT SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION:

(1) IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 18 MONTHS OR A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000 OR BOTH; AND

(2) SHALL BE REMOVED IMMEDIATELY FROM OFFICE AND FORFEIT ALL ACCRUED BENEFITS.”.