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House Bill 57

(Chairman, Judiciary Committee)

(By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference)

Judiciary

Judicial Proceedings

Clerks of Circuit Courts - Statutory Fee for Administering Oath of Office

This bill repeals the 10 cent fee a clerk of a circuit court may collect for administering an oath of office.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The 10 cent fee has not been collected for many years.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: All officers elected or appointed to any office of trust or profit in the State must take and subscribe the oath required by Article I, § 9 of the Maryland Constitution before a clerk of the circuit court or a sworn deputy of the clerk, except: Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Adjutant General, Attorney General, Comptroller, judges and clerks of the Court of Appeals and Court of Special Appeals, Secretary of State, State Reporter, Treasurer, and members of the General Assembly. A clerk of a circuit court may collect a fee of 10 cents for administering an oath of office.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 141 (Chairman, Judicial Proceedings Committee) – Judicial Proceedings.

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