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By: **Delegates Eckardt, Haddaway, and Cane**  
Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2006  
Assigned to: Judiciary

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Dorchester County - Orphans' Court - Compensation of Judges**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the compensation for the judges of the Orphans' Court for  
4 Dorchester County to be an amount determined by the County Commissioners  
5 of Dorchester County, but not less than a certain minimum amount; altering  
6 certain expense allowances for the judges of the Orphans' Court for Dorchester  
7 County; providing that this Act does not apply to the salary or compensation of  
8 the incumbent judges of the Orphans' Court for Dorchester County; and  
9 generally relating to the compensation and expense allowances for the judges of  
10 the Orphans' Court for Dorchester County.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article - Estates and Trusts  
13 Section 2-108(k)  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

18 **Article - Estates and Trusts**

19 2-108.

20 (k) Each of the judges of the Court for Dorchester County shall receive an  
21 annual salary [in the amount of \$3,500] AS DETERMINED BY THE COUNTY  
22 COMMISSIONERS, BUT NOT LESS THAN \$5,000. Each judge shall also receive an  
23 EXPENSE allowance [of \$10 for expenses for every day's attendance upon the sessions  
24 of the Court] AS DETERMINED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, BUT NOT LESS  
25 THAN \$800 ANNUALLY.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, pursuant to Article III, §  
27 35 of the Maryland Constitution, this Act may not be construed to extend or apply to  
28 the salary or compensation of the judges of the Orphans' Court for Dorchester County  
29 in office on the effective date of this Act, but the provisions of this Act concerning the

1 salary or compensation of the judges of the Orphans' Court for Dorchester County  
2 shall take effect at the beginning of the next following term of office.

3 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
4 October 1, 2006.