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CHAPTER _____

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 Council of Dorchester County, but not less than a certain minimum amount;
6 altering certain expense allowances for the judges of the Orphans' Court for
7 Dorchester County; providing that this Act does not apply to the salary or
8 compensation of the incumbent judges of the Orphans' Court for Dorchester
9 County; and generally relating to the compensation and expense allowances for
10 the judges of 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 COUNCIL~~, BUT NOT LESS THAN ~~\$5,000~~ \$4,700. Each judge shall also
23 receive an EXPENSE allowance [of \$10 for expenses for every day's attendance upon

1 the sessions of the Court] AS DETERMINED BY THE COUNTY ~~COMMISSIONERS~~
2 COUNCIL, BUT NOT LESS THAN \$800 ANNUALLY.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, pursuant to Article III, §
4 35 of the Maryland Constitution, this Act may not be construed to extend or apply to
5 the salary or compensation of the judges of the Orphans' Court for Dorchester County
6 in office on the effective date of this Act, but the provisions of this Act concerning the
7 salary or compensation of the judges of the Orphans' Court for Dorchester County
8 shall take effect at the beginning of the next following term of office.

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