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By: **Senator Colburn**

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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

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

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the compensation for the judges of the Orphans' Court  
4 for Dorchester County to be an amount determined by the County Council of  
5 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~~ AS DETERMINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL, BUT NOT  
22 LESS THAN [\$3,500] \$4,700. Each judge shall also receive an EXPENSE allowance ~~of~~

1 AS DETERMINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL, BUT NOT LESS THAN [\$10] \$800 [for  
2 expenses for every day's attendance upon the sessions of the Court] 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.