

HOUSE BILL 637

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By: **Washington County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 1, 2008

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington County – County Clerk**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the duties of the County Clerk of Washington County;
4 repealing a provision requiring the County Clerk to receive from the Tax
5 Collector of Washington County certain interest coupons on the bonded
6 indebtedness of the county and certain bonds due and redeemed by the Tax
7 Collector; repealing a requirement that the County Clerk cancel certain coupons
8 and bonds; repealing a requirement that the County Clerk make a certain
9 report to the County Commissioners of Washington County; repealing a
10 provision requiring the bond of the Tax Collector to be responsible for certain
11 money paid by the Tax Collector to the County Clerk; repealing a provision
12 requiring the Tax Collector to pay out certain money in a certain manner; and
13 generally relating to the duties of the County Clerk of Washington County.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 The Public Local Laws of Washington County
16 Section 1–202
17 Article 22 – Public Local Laws of Maryland
18 (2007 Edition, as amended)

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

21 **Article 22 – Washington County**

22 1–202.

23 (a) (1) The County Clerk shall:

24 (i) Keep careful and accurate minutes of the proceedings of the
25 County Commissioners;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (ii) Keep all records, papers and documents of the county in safe
2 custody; **AND**

3 (iii) [File all accounts and claims presented against the county,
4 and whenever any account is approved and passed by the County Commissioners,
5 make a record of it in a book to be kept for that purpose, to which shall be attached an
6 accurate index, so that the dealings of every one with the County Commissioners may
7 be readily ascertained;

8 (iv)] Perform other duties imposed upon clerks of County
9 Commissioners by any general or local law and other clerical duties required of the
10 County Clerk by order of the County Commissioners[;

11 (v) Receive all money paid to the County Commissioners from
12 all sources except the annual levy;

13 (vi) Keep an accurate account of all money received by the
14 County Clerk and pay it over, as received, to the Tax Collector of Washington County;
15 and

16 (vii) Make a detailed monthly report to the County
17 Commissioners].

18 (2) (i) Before beginning the duties of the office of the County Clerk,
19 the County Clerk shall execute a \$10,000 bond to the State of Maryland, to be
20 approved by a judge of the Circuit Court for Washington County, conditioned on the
21 true and faithful performance of the duties of the office. The bond shall provide that
22 the County Clerk shall well and faithfully account for and pay to the proper person all
23 money, orders, or funds coming into the County Clerk's hands.

24 (ii) The bond shall be liable for any default by the County Clerk
25 or misappropriation of any of the county's money or funds which are entrusted to the
26 County Clerk, and shall be recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for
27 Washington County.

28 (3) [(i) The County Clerk shall receive from the Tax Collector for
29 the county all interest coupons upon the bonded indebtedness of the county due and
30 paid by the Tax Collector and all bonds due and redeemed by the Tax Collector; and

31 (ii) the County Clerk at once shall cancel the coupons and bond
32 and report to the County Commissioners at their next meeting the amount of coupons
33 or bonds, or both, received and canceled.

34 (4) The bond of the Tax Collector shall be responsible for all money
35 paid the Tax Collector by the County Clerk in accordance with this section. The Tax

1 Collector shall pay out the money received by the Tax Collector on orders or warrants
2 of the County Commissioners in the manner provided by § 2-403 of this Code.

3 (5)] All necessary books and stationery required by the County Clerk
4 shall be supplied by the County Commissioners and shall remain the property of the
5 County Commissioners.

6 (b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Code, the County
7 Commissioners by ordinance may:

8 (1) Provide additional duties for the County Clerk; and

9 (2) Assign duties imposed upon the County Clerk by this section to
10 other county officials.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 October 1, 2008.