

# HOUSE BILL 637

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By: **Washington County Delegation**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

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.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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

2 (i) Keep careful and accurate minutes of the proceedings of the  
3 County Commissioners;

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

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

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

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

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

19 (vii) Make a detailed monthly report to the County  
20 Commissioners].

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

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

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

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

4 (4) The bond of the Tax Collector shall be responsible for all money  
5 paid the Tax Collector by the County Clerk in accordance with this section. The Tax  
6 Collector shall pay out the money received by the Tax Collector on orders or warrants  
7 of the County Commissioners in the manner provided by § 2-403 of this Code.

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

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

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

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

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

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.