

## **Chapter 29**

### **(Senate Bill 196)**

AN ACT concerning

#### **Register of Wills – Salary**

FOR the purpose of altering a certain limit on the maximum salary that the Board of Public Works may set for a register of wills; providing that this Act does not apply to the salary or compensation of an incumbent register of wills during a certain term of office; and generally relating to the salary of a register of wills.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – Estates and Trusts  
Section 2–205(a)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Estates and Trusts  
Section 2–205(b)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

#### **Article – Estates and Trusts**

2–205.

(a) (1) It is the intent of this section that each register shall receive a fair and adequate compensation for the effort and duties required of the register by the register's office.

(2) The volume and character of work done by the register shall be in comparison to the salary fixed by the Board of Public Works for each of the other registers.

(b) (1) Each register is entitled to receive an annual salary of not more than ~~[\$98,500]~~ **\$114,500**, to be determined in each instance by the Board of Public Works.

(2) In determining the annual salary of the register, the Board of Public Works shall be guided in the exercise of its discretion by:

(i) The population of the county determined by the last official United States census;

(ii) The dollar volume of total fees and taxes collected and excess fees turned over to the State for each of the preceding 5 years by the office of the register for which the salary is being fixed; and

(iii) Other pertinent data which have relation to the reasonableness of the salary in relation to the work done and volume handled by the office.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, pursuant to Article III, § 35 of the Maryland Constitution, this Act may not be construed to extend or apply to the salary or compensation of the registers of wills during a term of office beginning before the effective date of this Act, but the provisions of this Act concerning the salary or compensation of the registers of wills shall take effect at the beginning of the next following term of office.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2013.

**Approved by the Governor, April 9, 2013.**