

HOUSE BILL 626

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Register of Wills – Salary**

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

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8 Article – Estates and Trusts
9 Section 2–205(a)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article – Estates and Trusts
14 Section 2–205(b)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Estates and Trusts**

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 2-205.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, pursuant to Article III, §
22 35 of the Maryland Constitution, this Act may not be construed to extend or apply to
23 the salary or compensation of the registers of wills during a term of office beginning
24 before the effective date of this Act, but the provisions of this Act concerning the salary
25 or compensation of the registers of wills shall take effect at the beginning of the next
26 following term of office.

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