

SENATE BILL 196

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By: **Senator Frosh**

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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**

20 2–205.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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