

Chapter 621

(House Bill 447)

AN ACT concerning

Charles County – County Transfer Tax – Revenue Received by the Clerk of the Circuit Court

FOR the purpose of altering the percentage of revenue from the Charles County transfer tax that the Clerk of the Circuit Court for the county is entitled to receive; providing that this Act applies retroactively to revenue received by the Clerk of the Circuit Court from the county transfer tax on or after a certain date; requiring the Comptroller to remit to the Treasury Division of Charles County a certain balance of county transfer taxes; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to revenue received by the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Charles County from the county transfer tax.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 2–213(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 2–213(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

2–213.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the clerk of a circuit court is entitled to 5% of all public money that the clerk receives, collects, and pays over.

(e) (1) **(I)** Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Charles County shall:

[(i)] 1. Deduct from collection fees for the tax collected under Title 12 of the Tax – Property Article the cost of two-thirds of the salaries and benefits of the court reporters for the Circuit Court of Charles County; and

[(ii)] 2. Pay the amount deducted to the Charles County Treasurer.

[(2)] (II) The Clerk shall make the payment promptly after receipt of a voucher from the Charles County Treasurer stating the amount of the salaries and benefits paid to the court reporters.

(2) THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CHARLES COUNTY IS ENTITLED TO RECEIVE:

(I) 0.5% OF THE AMOUNT COLLECTED FROM THE COUNTY TRANSFER TAX; AND

(II) 5% OF ALL OTHER PUBLIC MONEY THAT THE CLERK RECEIVES, COLLECTS, AND PAYS OVER.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed to apply retroactively to revenue collected by the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Charles County from the county transfer tax on or after August 8, 2015. The Comptroller shall remit to the Treasury Division of Charles County the balance of county transfer taxes that the county is entitled to retain for those taxes collected on or after August 8, 2015, but before July 1, 2016.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2016. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 months and, at the end of September 30, 2016, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved by the Governor, May 19, 2016.