

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly  
2017 Session

FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE  
First Reader

House Bill 280  
Judiciary

(Delegates Malone and Kittleman)

---

Circuit Court Real Property Records Improvement Fund - Change of Name

---

This bill changes the name of the Circuit Court Real Property Records Improvement Fund to the State Judiciary Technology Fund.

---

Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None. Changing the name of the fund does not affect State finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

---

Analysis

**Current Law/Background:** Created by Chapter 327 of 1991, the Circuit Court Real Property Records Improvement Fund supports all personnel and operating costs within the land records offices of the clerks of the circuit court. It further supports the maintenance costs of the Electronic Land Records Online Imagery System and its website. Since fiscal 2008, the fund has also been supporting the Judiciary's major information technology development projects, which include the State's Maryland Electronic Courts initiative.

Revenues for the fund are generated through a recordation surcharge on all real estate transactions. Since fiscal 2016, revenues are also generated through a surcharge on civil cases. The fund is managed by the State Court Administrator with advice from a five-member oversight committee.

---

## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** SB 76 (Senator Reilly) - Judicial Proceedings.

**Information Source(s):** Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts); Department of Legislative Services

**Fiscal Note History:** First Reader - January 25, 2017  
md/kdm

---

Analysis by: Jennifer K. Botts

Direct Inquiries to:  
(410) 946-5510  
(301) 970-5510