

## Chapter 79

**(House Bill 629)**

AN ACT concerning

**Cecil County – Orphans’ Court Judges – Travel Expense Allowance**

FOR the purpose of increasing the allowance for traveling expenses for the judges of the Orphans’ Court for Cecil County; specifying that the allowance is to be paid by the county; providing for the application of this Act; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to traveling expense allowances for judges of the Orphans’ Court for Cecil County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 Article – Estates and Trusts  
 Section 2–108(a) and (i)  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

**Article – Estates and Trusts**

2–108.

(a) **(1)** Except in Montgomery County and Harford County, the judges of the courts shall receive compensation and allowances as prescribed by law.

**(2)** Unless otherwise provided, the compensation shall be paid in monthly installments.

**(3)** Mileage or travel expenses may not be allowed to a judge for attending sessions of his court except as specifically provided.

(i) **(1)** Each of the judges of the Court for Cecil County shall receive an annual compensation of:

(i) \$5,500 for fiscal year 2015;

(ii) \$6,500 for fiscal year 2016;

(iii) \$7,500 for fiscal year 2017; and

(iv) \$8,750 for fiscal year 2018 and each subsequent fiscal year.

(2) Each judge shall also receive an allowance for traveling expenses of ~~[\$780]~~ **\$1,500** annually, to be paid quarterly by the ~~[County Commissioners]~~ **COUNTY**.

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 a judge of the Orphans' Court for Cecil County while serving in 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 judges of the Orphans' Court for Cecil County shall take effect at the beginning of the next following term of office. This limitation does not apply to an individual appointed or elected after the effective date of this Act to fill out an unexpired term.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2017.

**Approved by the Governor, April 11, 2017.**