HOUSE BILL 519

By: Delegates Williams and Crutchfield
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CHAPTER _____

AN ACT concerning

Circuit Court Clerks – Salary Increase

FOR the purpose of increasing the maximum salary that the Board of Public Works may
set for a clerk of a circuit court; and generally relating to the salary of a clerk of a
circuit court.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 2–504
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 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

2–504.

(a) The clerk of each circuit court shall receive an annual salary of not more than
[$124,500] $146,500 as set by the Board of Public Works on the basis of the relative volume
of business and receipts in the clerk’s office.

(b) A clerk shall devote his full working time to the duties of the clerk’s office and
is entitled to the salary prescribed in subsection (a) of this section.

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.
(c) The salary of a clerk is payable biweekly.

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 the clerk of a circuit court 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 clerk of a circuit court 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 October 1, 2022.