

Chapter 188

**(House Bill 519)**

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.

(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.

**Approved by the Governor, April 21, 2022.**