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House Bill 1003

(Prince George's County Delegation and Montgomery
County Delegation)

Environment and Transportation

Judicial Proceedings

Montgomery County - Clerk of the Circuit Court - Plat Recordation
PG/MC 110-24

This bill authorizes, in Montgomery County, a plat to be drawn in an electronic version in a manner approved by the State Archivist. The bill also authorizes the clerk of the Montgomery County Circuit Court to record or maintain a plat in electronic form in a manner approved by the State Archivist.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill is not anticipated to materially affect State operations or finances.

Local Effect: The bill does not materially affect Montgomery County operations or finances or the Montgomery County Circuit Court.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: In general, if a landowner in the State subdivides his/her land for commercial, industrial, or residential use, a plat of the subdivision must be recorded in the land records of the county where the land is located. Provided the landowner complies with the recordation requirements specified in the Real Property Article, the clerk of the court must generally accept and record the plat.

The plat must be legible, accurately drawn to scale, and submitted for recordation in black ink on transparent mylar, or linen or black-line photo process comparable to original quality that conforms to archival standards.

The clerk of the circuit court of a county must fasten a copy of each plat in a book provided for that purpose or record the plat. The clerk must also send a copy to the county's supervisor of assessments and one copy to the State Archivist who must also record the plat. The State Archivist must provide a copy of the plat to any supervisor of assessments of the State upon request.

Additional Information

Recent Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

Designated Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Montgomery County; Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts); Maryland State Archives; Department of Legislative Services

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