

SB0586/593128/1

BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 586
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “- **Repeal**” and substitute “**Repeal and Disaffiliation Requirements**”; in line 8, after “Church;” insert “providing that a local church that disaffiliates from the United Methodist Conference shall retain ownership of its real property, subject to a certain reimbursement requirement;”; after line 14, insert:

“BY adding to

Article – Corporations and Associations

Section 5–326

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)”;

and in line 18, strike “5–326” and substitute “5–327”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 23, insert:

5–326.

(A) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTIONS (B) AND (C) OF THIS SECTION, A LOCAL CHURCH MAY DISAFFILIATE FROM THE UNITED METHODIST CONFERENCE AND RETAIN OWNERSHIP OF ITS PROPERTY.

(B) A DISAFFILIATING LOCAL CHURCH SHALL REIMBURSE THE UNITED METHODIST CONFERENCE FOR FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS MADE BY THE UNITED METHODIST CONFERENCE FOR THE ACQUISITION, MAINTENANCE, OR

IMPROVEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY USED BY THE LOCAL CHURCH IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION.

(C) (1) THE UNITED METHODIST CONFERENCE SHALL PROVIDE A DISAFFILIATING LOCAL CHURCH WITH A FULL AND TRANSPARENT ACCOUNTING OF ALL FUNDS THE UNITED METHODIST CONFERENCE HAS CONTRIBUTED FOR THE ACQUISITION, MAINTENANCE, AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE REAL PROPERTY USED BY THE LOCAL CHURCH FROM WHICH THE AMOUNT OF THE REIMBURSEMENT REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) SHALL BE DETERMINED.

(2) A DISAFFILIATING LOCAL CHURCH MAY NOT BE REQUIRED TO REIMBURSE THE UNITED METHODIST CONFERENCE FOR ANY AMOUNTS ATTRIBUTABLE TO FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS FOR THE ACQUISITION, MAINTENANCE, OR RENOVATION OF REAL PROPERTY MADE BY THE LOCAL CHURCH.”;

and in line 26, strike “5-326” and substitute “5-327”.