

HOUSE BILL 1588

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CF SB 976

By: **Wicomico County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 15, 2026

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Wicomico County – Orphans’ Court Judge – Annual Salary**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the annual salary of a judge of the Orphans’ Court in
4 Wicomico County; and generally relating to the Orphans’ Court in Wicomico County.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
6 Article – Estates and Trusts
7 Section 2–108(v)(1)
8 Annotated Code of Maryland
9 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

12 **Article – Estates and Trusts**

13 2–108.

14 (v) (1) Each judge of the Court for Wicomico County shall receive an annual
15 salary of [\$11,600] **\$16,000** to be paid quarterly.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, in accordance with Article
17 III, § 35 of the Maryland Constitution, this Act may not be construed to extend or apply to
18 the salary or compensation of a judge of the Orphans’ Court for Wicomico County while
19 serving in a term of office beginning before the effective date of this Act, but the provisions
20 of this Act concerning the salary or compensation of a judge of the Orphans’ Court for
21 Wicomico County shall take effect at the beginning of the next following term of office. This
22 limitation does not apply to an individual appointed or elected after the effective date of
23 this Act to fill out an unexpired term.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
2 1, 2026.