



THE SENATE OF MARYLAND
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

**Testimony of Senator Jill P. Carter
In Favor of SB0714 - Baltimore City – Orphans’ Court Judges –
Compensation
Before the Judicial Proceedings Committee
on March 4, 2020**

Mr. Chairman, Vice chair, and Members of the Committee:

This Bill allows for local control over the compensation of Orphans’ Court Judges in Baltimore City.

Currently, in order to change the salaries of the judges of Baltimore City’s Orphans’ Court, the City would have to petition the General Assembly. This bill streamlines the process and allows Baltimore the same autonomy as 11 other jurisdictions across the State to modify the compensation of its elected judges. Chief Judge of the Orphans’ Court, Lewyn S. Garrett, supports this change as well. He is present to share his views. Further, this bill passed unanimously out of the Baltimore City Senate Delegation.

Therefore, I respectfully request a favorable report from this committee on this matter.

Very Truly Yours,

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