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Testimony for Senate Bill 950
Wicomico County - Orphans' Court - Salary of Orphans' Court Judges
Judicial Proceedings Committee
March 16, 2022

Chairman Smith and Honorable Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to present **Senate Bill 950 Wicomico County - Orphans' Court - Salary of Orphans' Court Judges**. This bill would increase the annual salary of an orphans' court judge for Wicomico County from \$9,500 to \$11,600. This increase would take effect at the beginning of the next terms of office.

This legislation was requested by Judges of the Orphans Court for Wicomico County with the support of the Wicomico County Council due to an increased workload that their Judges are facing, with numerous hearings being held every week. Over the last eight years since their last salary increase, the volume and complexity of their work has evolved, as well as the cost of living due to inflation.

Thank you for your consideration and I respectfully ask for a favorable report of Senate Bill 950.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Addie C. Eckardt".

Senator Addie C. Eckardt

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RE: Wicomico County – Salary of Orphans' Court Judges

Dear Wicomico County Delegation:

This letter is in support of a request from the Judges of the Orphans Court for Wicomico County to amend the Estates and Trusts Article, Section 2-108(v), of the Annotated Code of Maryland to provide for an increase in salaries for Orphans Court Judges from \$9,500 to \$11,600 beginning with the term of office following the 2022 General Election. It has been eight years since the salary for the Orphans Court Judges has been increased and, as you can imagine, the volume and complexity of their work has changed since that time-period. In addition, as mentioned in their request, the cost of living and inflation has increased over the past eight years, so the salary increase request of \$2,100 seems reasonable.

We thank you for your time and consideration of this request. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Council Office at 410-548-4696.

Sincerely,

WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND


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Larry W. Dodd, County Council President, District 3

cc: Wicomico County Council