

The Register of Wills maximum salary of \$124,500 has fallen behind the salaries of other judiciary positions

- Since 2018, the salaries for judiciary employees has increased a total of 16.5% with more coming in July.
- Registers make less than Court Administrators (\$143,721)
- Registers make less than Judiciary Assistant Administrators (\$146,000)
- There are now over 30 judiciary job classifications with higher top salaries than some of the Registers

Register of Wills in Maryland earn less than Register of Wills in neighboring jurisdictions including Pennsylvania, Washington DC

For the forgoing reasons, the Register of Wills respectfully request a salary ceiling adjustment to a maximum of \$146,500, which is an increase of approximately 17.7%

- This salary increase would bring the Register of Wills into the average salary range already being earned by Assistant Administrators in the Judiciary (i.e., \$146,000).
- The increase is in the ceiling and not the actual salary for each Register of Wills which is set by the Board of Public Works.
The salary for each county is based on population and case load. There are 5 large counties, 6- medium/large, 9- medium and 4 small.
- The increase in salary would not come out of the state budget as it is self-funded through the fees and taxes the Register of Wills collect.
- This increase of the salary ceiling has the support of Maryland Comptroller, Peter Franchot