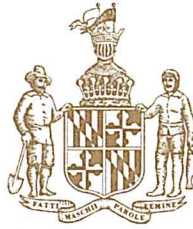


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TESTIMONY - SENATE BILL 232
REGISTERS OF WILLS – MAXIMUM SALARY
JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 2, 2022

Chair Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and Committee Members:

Senate Bill 232 is a very straightforward bill that provides the enabling authority to raise the salaries of local Registers of Wills. Presently the maximum salary that Clerks can receive is \$124,500. This legislation would raise that maximum salary to \$146,500.

Throughout Maryland, Registers of Wills provide valuable services that include establishing over 30,000 estate proceedings each year. They are also tasked with taking in over 20,000 wills for the safekeeping of living residents, overseeing over 200 guardianships each year, and establishing over 13,000 hearings each year.

The salaries of Maryland Registers of Wills have fallen behind both their local counterparts and fellow officers of the Court. This legislation simply brings their salaries better in line with those who hold similar positions.

For the reasons listed above, I ask for a favorable report of Senate Bill 232.