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Testimony for Senate Bill 988
Dorchester County - Orphans' Court - Salary and Expense Allowance 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 988 Dorchester County - Orphans' Court - Salary and Expense Allowance of Orphans' Court Judges**. This bill would increase the annual salary of an orphans' court judge for Dorchester County to a minimum of \$6,000 and the annual expense allowance for each judge to a minimum of \$1,000. This increase would take effect at the beginning of the next terms of office.

This legislation was requested by the Dorchester County Council due to an increased workload that their Judges are facing, with numerous hearings being held every week.

Thank you for your consideration and I respectfully ask for a favorable report of Senate Bill 988.

Best regards,

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

Senator Addie C. Eckardt