

HB1196 Real Property - Contracts of Sale - Title Report Requirement
Environment and Transportation Committee – March 5, 2024
Sponsor: Delegate April Rose
Position: Favorable with Amendments

Testimony of Scott Poyer, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Anne Arundel County

Thank you, Chair Korman, Vice Chair Boyce, and members of the committee, for this opportunity to testify on House Bill 1196. For the record, my name is Scott Poyer, Clerk of the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County. I am also testifying on behalf of the Circuit Court Clerks' Association, representing the 24 elected Clerks throughout the State of Maryland.

The Clerks of the Circuit Court have reviewed the bill and met with the sponsors to offer amendments for consideration. The Clerks believe it is important to do more to prevent property fraud, which is becoming a growing problem in Maryland and nationally. To this end we have proposed amendments to form a property fraud prevention task force to coordinate efforts among the many parties involved in this issue.

With the proposed amendments the clerks ask for a favorable report on HB 1196. Thank you for the opportunity to comment, and I am available if you have any questions.