

employees from inclusion as public officials required to file financial disclosure based on certain duties-related criteria and considering the recommendation of the State Court Administrator.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - State Government

Section 15-103(d)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1993 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)

(As enacted by Chapter ____ (H.B. 2) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1995)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - State Government

15-103.

(d) (1) Except as provided in PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION OR IN subsection (f) of this section, an individual in the judicial branch is a public official if the individual receives compensation at a rate equivalent to at least State grade level 16.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1) of this subsection, "individual in the judicial branch" includes an individual who is:

(i) employed in the office of a clerk of court;

(ii) paid by a county to perform services in an orphans' court or circuit court;

(iii) employed by the Attorney Grievance Commission;

(iv) employed by the State Board of Law Examiners; or

(v) employed by the Court of Appeals Standing Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure.

(3) THE ETHICS COMMISSION MAY EXCLUDE THE INDIVIDUALS IN A POSITION IN THE JUDICIAL BRANCH FROM INCLUSION AS PUBLIC OFFICIALS UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION:

(I) UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR; AND

(II) IF THE ETHICS COMMISSION DETERMINES THAT THE POSITION DOES NOT HAVE POLICY, POLICY ADVICE, QUASI-JUDICIAL, OR PROCUREMENT FUNCTIONS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1995.