

State shall be codified under one Article and Section of the Annotated Code by repealing certain sections and amending certain sections of various Articles of the Code, to change and make uniform certain fees chargeable by the Clerks of Court in this State, and generally relating to fees of Clerks of Court.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Sections 10, 11, and 12 of Article 24 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume [and 1972 Supplement] 1971 Supplement and 1972 Interim Supplement), title "Costs," be and they are hereby repealed:

10.

(a) The clerks of the circuit courts of the counties and the clerks of the civil common-law and equity courts of Baltimore City shall not docket any suit or issue process in any original suit, matter, proceeding or action at law until the plaintiff, or someone in his behalf, shall first deposit with the clerk of the court in which such suit, matter or proceeding shall be brought, toward the payment of the costs of the clerk and sheriff for which plaintiff is liable, the following sums, viz.:

For and on account of the clerk's costs for docketing such suit, matter or proceeding, the sum of \$10 for any law case and \$15 for any equity case.

(b) Such deposits need not be made by any person, who by petition under oath filed in such suit, matter or proceeding or action at law, shall satisfy the judge thereof that the petitioner is not able to make such deposit, and whose counsel shall certify that the petitioner's said suit, matter, proceeding or action at law is meritorious, in which event the court shall pass an order allowing process to be issued and action taken without such deposit. Any wilful false swearing in any oath or affidavit under the provisions of this subtitle shall be punishable as perjury under the criminal laws of the State.

(c) Such deposits shall not be required to be made in proceedings in the nature of an appeal to the common-law courts of Baltimore City to have reviewed any decision of the Workmen's Compensation Commission.

11.

(a) No case at law or in equity may be docketed in the circuit court of Anne Arundel, Harford, Montgomery, Charles, St. Mary's, Somerset, Worcester, or Prince George's County until the costs have been paid to the clerk.

(b) In the counties named in subsection (a) of this section, no attachment, writ of fieri facias or execution on judgment may be issued out of the circuit court until the costs have been paid to the clerk of the circuit court.

(c) No civil appeal from the District Court may be docketed in any circuit court or in the Baltimore City Court until the costs have been paid to the clerk of the appellate court pursuant to the Maryland Rules.

(d) This section does not apply to an indigent plaintiff, or to any person unable to pay the costs of docketing a case or of issuing an attachment, writ of fieri facias, or execution on judgment.

12.

The judges of the Circuit Court for Baltimore County are hereby authorized to adopt and enforce rules of court requiring and regulating the prepayment of costs of cases at law or in equity docketed in said court, and repayment of costs for the issuance of attachments, writs of fieri facias or execution on judgment and said