

Approved May 17, 1976.

CHAPTER 578
(Senate Bill 430)

AN ACT concerning

District Court Clerks - Duties

FOR the purpose of requiring a clerk of the District Court to assist a person in preparing certain claims; and making a clerk immune with respect to any liability in preparing any statement of claim.

BY adding to

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 2-603(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1974 Volume and 1975 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 2-603(c) be and it is hereby added to Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1975 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

2-603.

(C) (1) WHEN REQUESTED TO DO SO, A CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT SHALL ADVISE AND ASSIST, AS TO PROCEDURAL MATTERS ONLY, A PERSON IN THE PREPARATION OF A STATEMENT OF CLAIM OR OTHER PAPERS REQUIRED TO BE FILED IN A CIVIL ACTION IN WHICH THE AMOUNT IN CONTROVERSY DOES NOT EXCEED \$500.

(2) A CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT IS NOT LIABLE TO ANY PERSON WITH RESPECT TO ANY ADVICE OR ASSISTANCE IN THE PREPARATION OF ANY STATEMENT OF CLAIM.

[[SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1976.]]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected