

Article 15 - Public Local Laws of Maryland  
(1968 Edition and 1975 Supplement, as amended)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 38 - Fines and Forfeitures

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[ (e) In Kent County, if in any year the said payments to the court library of one half the fines imposed and recognizances forfeited is less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), the County Commissioners thereof shall pay to the clerk of the court, for the use of the library, whatever amount may be necessary to bring to one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) in the aggregate the total amount to be paid to said library during that year under the provisions of this section.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That section(s) of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 15 - Kent County

184.

(A) The County Commissioners of Kent County [are hereby authorized and directed to levy annually the sum of six hundred (\$600.00) dollars for the support and maintenance of the Kent County Bar Library, the said sum to be paid to the Clerk of the Circuit Court for said County and to be expended under the direction of the Judge or Judges of said Court for the aforementioned Bar Library.] SHALL APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$2,500 ANNUALLY FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE KENT COUNTY BAR LIBRARY. IN ADDITION THE COMMISSIONERS SHALL APPROPRIATE ~~\$1,000 FOR THE SALARY OF THE LIBRARIAN OF THE KENT COUNTY BAR LIBRARY~~ A SALARY FOR THE LIBRARIAN OF THE KENT COUNTY BAR LIBRARY IN THE AMOUNT ESTABLISHED IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT ORDER, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT AND COMPENSATION OF THE LAW LIBRARIAN OF THE RESPECTIVE COURTS OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT. THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED SHALL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR KENT COUNTY.

(B) THE LIBRARIAN SHALL SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR KENT COUNTY.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the General Assembly declares that there is overriding State interest and concern in matters involving the State courts and the libraries of the State courts. This overriding interest and concern requires that the General Assembly regulate matters concerning the Bar Library in Kent County in spite of the fact that Kent County has adopted Code Home Rule Status.