

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

7-301.

(c) (1) The filing fees and costs in a civil case are those prescribed by law subject to modification by law, rule, or administrative regulation.

(2) [The] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE Chief Judge of the District Court shall assess a surcharge that:

(i) May not be more than:

1. \$5 per summary ejection case; and
2. \$10 per case for all other civil cases; and

(ii) Shall be deposited into the Maryland Legal Services Corporation Fund established under § 7-408 of this title.

(3) (I) IN ADDITION TO THE SURCHARGE ASSESSED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT SHALL ASSESS A SURCHARGE FOR SUMMARY EJECTION CASES FILED IN BALTIMORE CITY THAT MAY NOT BE MORE THAN \$7 \$4 PER CASE.

(II) THE REVENUE GENERATED FROM THE SURCHARGE ON FILING FEES FOR SUMMARY EJECTION CASES COLLECTED BY THE DISTRICT COURT IN BALTIMORE CITY UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE:

1. REMITTED QUARTERLY TO THE BALTIMORE CITY DIRECTOR OF FINANCE; AND

2. USED TO FUND SALARY INCREASES FOR THE BALTIMORE CITY DEPUTY SHERIFFS, DEPUTY SHERIFF SERGEANTS, AND DEPUTY SHERIFF LIEUTENANTS UNDER § 2-309(D) OF THIS ARTICLE.

[(3)](4) The Court of Appeals may provide by rule for waiver of prepayment of filing fees and other costs in cases of indigency.

SECTION 2. 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2005. Section 2 of this Act shall remain effective for period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30, 2007, with no further action required by the General Assembly, Section 2 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved May 26, 2005.