

BY adding to

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
Section 7-203  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1984 Replacement Volume and 1985 Supplement)

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~

~~Article --- Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
Section 7-301  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1984 Replacement Volume and 1985 Supplement)~~

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

Article 38 - Fines and Forfeitures

[4A.

No person who may be prosecuted for any misdemeanor or offense and discharged by the court on submission, or fined not exceeding fifteen cents, or prosecuted for any crime and acquitted on trial by jury, shall be burdened with the payment of any costs or fees accruing on such prosecution, but all such costs and fees, with the legal costs of the party accused, shall be paid by the county; and no person taken upon any warrant or capias on presentment where no bill of indictment is found shall be liable to pay or give security for costs, but such costs shall be paid by the county. The mayor and city council of Baltimore shall not, however, be liable in any such cases tried in the Circuit Court for Baltimore City for the appearance fees allowed by law to the attorney of the traverser.]

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

7-203.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, THE TERM "NOT GUILTY" DOES NOT INCLUDE A FINDING OF PROBATION BEFORE JUDGMENT UNDER ARTICLE 27, § 292 OR § 641 OF THE CODE.

(B) (1) THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT MAY NOT CHARGE A COUNTY OR BALTIMORE CITY WITH FEES OR COSTS OF A CRIMINAL PROCEEDING, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE FEE OR COST WAS IMPOSED OR ALLOWED BY STATUTE OR COMMON LAW.

(2) THE CLERK OF A CIRCUIT COURT MAY NOT CHARGE A DEFENDANT WITH THE COSTS OF A CRIMINAL PROCEEDING IN WHICH THE DEFENDANT IS FOUND NOT GUILTY.

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