

**CHAPTER 93****(House Bill 1011)**

AN ACT concerning

**Washington County – Orphans' Court Judges – Pensions**

FOR the purpose of adding Washington County to the counties in which certain Orphans' Court judges shall be eligible for a certain pension; and generally relating to pensions for Orphans' Court judges in Washington County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Estates and Trusts

Section 2-108(y)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1991 Replacement Volume and 1993 Supplement)

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

**Article – Estates and Trusts**

2-108.

(y) (1) Except in Montgomery, [Washington], Frederick, Carroll, Talbot, Caroline, Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, Baltimore, Garrett, and Harford Counties and Baltimore City, and except as provided in paragraphs (3) and (4) of this subsection, a county shall pay a pension, in the same manner as salaries are paid during active service, to each judge of the Orphans' Court who:

- (i) Has terminated active service;
- (ii) Has reached 60 years of age; and
- (iii) Has completed at least two terms of office.

(2) The salary or pension shall be the greater of:

- (i) \$1,200 annually; or
- (ii) An annual amount calculated at the rate of 4 percent of the last annual amount of compensation multiplied by the number of years or partial years of service, not exceeding 12 years.

(3) An Orphans' Court judge in Somerset and Worcester Counties is eligible for a pension under this subsection only if he is in office on or before July 1, 1979.

(4) In Wicomico County, an Orphans' Court judge who has completed at least 12 years in office is eligible for a pension under this subsection.

(5) The pension or salary may be suspended during any month the judge is a full-time employee of any county or of this State.