

(As enacted by Chapter \_\_ (S.B. 1) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1994)

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

#### Article 17 - Clerks of Courts

74.

(a) For receiving, collecting and paying over all public money — 5% except the clerk of the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, who shall receive 3% commission, provided that the clerk of the Circuit Court for Baltimore County and Anne Arundel County shall be entitled to receive 3% and the clerk of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City shall be entitled to receive 2 1/2% of the amount collected from the tax applicable to instruments recorded with the said respective clerks under Title 12 of the Tax - Property Article, but shall be entitled to receive 5% for receiving, collecting and paying over all other public moneys. The clerk of the court for Harford County shall be entitled to receive 3% of the amount collected from the tax applicable to instruments recorded with the said clerk under Title 12 of the Tax - Property Article but shall be entitled to receive 5% for receiving, collecting and paying over all other public moneys.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, in St. Mary's County, the Clerk of the Circuit Court is not entitled to a collection fee for collecting the county transfer tax under Chapter 138 of the Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County when the Clerk collects both the recordation tax under Title 12 of the Tax - Property Article and the county transfer tax for the filing of a single instrument of writing.

(C) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, IN CHARLES COUNTY, THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT SHALL DEDUCT FROM COLLECTION FEES FOR THE TAX COLLECTED UNDER TITLE 12 OF THE TAX - PROPERTY ARTICLE AND PAY TO THE CHARLES COUNTY TREASURER THE COST OF TWO-THIRDS OF THE SALARIES AND BENEFITS OF THE COURT REPORTERS FOR THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CHARLES COUNTY. THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT SHALL MAKE THE PAYMENT PROMPTLY AFTER RECEIPT OF A VOUCHER FROM THE CHARLES COUNTY TREASURER STATING THE AMOUNT OF THE SALARIES AND BENEFITS PAID FOR THE COURT REPORTERS.

#### Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

2-501.

(c) (1) The resident judge in each county of the seventh judicial circuit shall appoint one or more official court reporters for the circuit court in the county. A reporter shall be competent to record court proceedings and shall serve at the pleasure of the judge who appointed him. The reporter shall receive the compensation set by the county government after consultation with the county administrative judge.

(2) [In Charles County the County Commissioners are responsible for one third of the salary of the court reporter. The clerk of the court shall pay the salary to the reporter or reporters biweekly from the fees of his office. Prior to May 1 each year the clerk shall submit a voucher to the County Commissioners. They shall promptly reimburse him for one third of the amount of the reporter's salary.