

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 7-204(r-1)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1989 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)

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

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7-204.

(a) (1) Except in ~~Montgomery and St. Mary's Counties~~ COUNTY and except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection for Baltimore County AND IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION FOR ST. MARY'S COUNTY, the clerk of each circuit court shall:

(i) Collect, in advance, a \$10 fee for docketing the appearance of counsel when bringing or defending a civil action in the court;

(ii) Charge as costs a \$10 fee for docketing the appearance of counsel when prosecuting or defending a criminal action in the court; and

(iii) Collect, in advance, a \$10 fee for docketing the appearance of counsel when bringing or defending a case in the Court of Appeals.

(2) The Clerk of the Circuit Court for Baltimore County shall:

(i) Collect, in advance, the following fee for docketing the appearance of counsel when bringing or defending a civil action:

1. A \$20 fee for an action, including the collection of money due on mortgage, in a court of equity; and

2. A \$10 fee for an action at law in a court of original jurisdiction;

(ii) Charge as costs the following fee for docketing the appearance of counsel when bringing or defending a criminal action:

1. If the punishment for the offense charged is death or confinement in the State penitentiary, a \$20 fee; and

2. For any other criminal action, a \$10 fee; and

(iii) Collect, in advance, a \$20 fee for docketing the appearance of counsel when bringing or defending a case in the Court of Appeals.

(3) THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ST. MARY'S COUNTY SHALL COLLECT, IN ADVANCE, A \$10 FEE FOR DOCKETING THE APPEARANCE OF COUNSEL WHEN BRINGING OR DEFENDING A CIVIL ACTION IN THE COURT.