

fee for a certified copy of a record; and generally relating to the certification of records.

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

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section ~~10-208~~ 10-204

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:

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

10-204.

(A) A copy of a public record, book, paper, or proceeding of any agency of the government of the United States, the District of Columbia, any territory or possession of the United States, or of any state or of any of its political subdivisions or of an agency of any political subdivision shall be received in evidence in any court if certified as a true copy by the custodian of the record, book, paper, or proceeding, and if otherwise admissible.

(B) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW, A CUSTODIAN OF A PUBLIC RECORD IN THE STATE OR OTHER PERSON AUTHORIZED TO MAKE A CERTIFICATION UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL, UPON REQUEST, PROVIDE A CERTIFIED COPY OF THE PUBLIC RECORD TO A PARTY TO A JUDICIAL PROCEEDING OR THE PARTY'S ATTORNEY.

(C) A CERTIFICATION UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL INCLUDE:

(1) THE SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF THE CUSTODIAN OR OTHER PERSON AUTHORIZED TO MAKE THE CERTIFICATION;

(2) THE OFFICIAL SEAL, IF ANY, OF THE OFFICE; AND

(3) A STATEMENT CERTIFYING THAT THE COPY IS A TRUE COPY OF THE PUBLIC RECORD.

(D) A CUSTODIAN OR OTHER PERSON AUTHORIZED TO MAKE A CERTIFICATION UNDER THIS SECTION MAY CHARGE A REASONABLE FEE FOR PROVIDING A CERTIFIED COPY OF A PUBLIC RECORD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

~~10-208.~~

~~(A) ON REQUEST OF A PARTY TO A JUDICIAL PROCEEDING OR THE PARTY'S ATTORNEY, A CUSTODIAN OF RECORDS FOR AN AGENCY OF THE STATE OR OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION SHALL ATTEST TO THE ACCURACY CERTIFY THE AUTHENTICITY OF AN ORIGINAL RECORD OR COPY OF A RECORD THAT THE AGENCY PROVIDES TO A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC BY ATTACHING A CERTIFICATION DOCUMENT AFFIXING A CERTIFICATION TO THE ORIGINAL RECORD OR COPY.~~

~~(B) THE CERTIFICATION DOCUMENT A CERTIFICATION UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL INCLUDE:~~