

House Bill No. 19

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City – Circuit Court – Appearance Fees

FOR the purpose of altering the amount of the appearance fee ~~to be collected when filing~~ for certain actions in the Circuit Court for Baltimore City under certain circumstances; and generally relating to appearance fees for ~~law actions filed~~ certain actions in Baltimore City.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 7-204(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1995 Replacement Volume and 1995 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

7-204.

(a) (1) Except in Montgomery County and except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection for ~~BALTIMORE CITY AND~~ Baltimore County and, in paragraph (3) of this subsection for St. Mary's County, AND IN PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION FOR BALTIMORE CITY, 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 CITY AND 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~~ A \$10 fee for an action at law in a court of original jurisdiction ~~IN BALTIMORE COUNTY, AND~~

~~B. A FEE OF \$20 FOR AN ACTION AT LAW IN A COURT OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION IN BALTIMORE CITY;~~