

Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 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**

13-601.

- (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) "Administrator" means the State Court Administrator.
- (c) "Fund" means the Circuit Court Real Property Records Improvement Fund.
- (d) "Recordable instrument" means:
  - (1) A deed, as defined in § 1-101 of the Real Property Article; and
  - (2) Any other instrument affecting property that may be recorded under § 3-102 of the Real Property Article.

13-602.

- (a) (1) There is a Circuit Court Real Property Records Improvement Fund.
  - (2) There is an oversight committee composed of one representative from each of the following:
    - (i) The Administrative Office of the Courts;
    - (ii) The Maryland State Archives;
    - (iii) The Circuit Court Clerks' Association;
    - (iv) The Maryland Land Title Association; and
    - (v) The Maryland State Bar Association.
  - (3) The Fund shall be managed and supervised by the State Court Administrator, with advice from the oversight committee.
  - (4) The State Treasurer shall hold, and the State Comptroller shall account for, the Fund.
- (b) (1) The Fund shall be invested and reinvested in the same manner as other State funds.
  - (2) Investment earnings of the Fund shall be paid into the Fund.

13-603.

- (a) The Fund consists of:
  - (1) Surcharges collected under § 13-604 of this subtitle; and