

CHAPTER 453

(Senate Bill 197)

AN ACT concerning

Circuit Courts - Rental of Space for Clerks of Court

FOR the purpose of requiring each State budget to include a certain appropriation to the Department of General Services to pay rent to counties, including Baltimore City, for certain space occupied by clerks of the circuit courts; establishing providing that the amount of the rent shall be limited to certain rates in certain years; establishing the rental rate in certain fiscal years; prohibiting reimbursement of certain costs; prohibiting a county from decreasing the square footage allocated to the clerk of the circuit court below a certain amount, unless the county and the Administrative Office of the Courts agree otherwise; requiring counties to use the savings resulting from this Act for the circuit courts or related public safety purposes; requiring certain reports on certain expenditures; providing for the construction of this Act; limiting general fund expenditures to a certain amount for a certain purpose in certain fiscal years; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to rental of space for clerks of the circuit courts.

BY adding to

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 1-504

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume and 2001 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

1-504.

(A) THERE SHALL BE INCLUDED IN EACH STATE BUDGET AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT NECESSARY TO PAY RENT DIRECTLY TO COUNTIES FOR SPACE OCCUPIED IN COUNTY FACILITIES BY CLERKS OF THE CIRCUIT COURTS, AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.

(B) TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET THE RENT SHALL BE ~~\$10~~ CALCULATED PER NET USABLE SQUARE FOOT, WITH NO ADDITIONAL REIMBURSEMENT OF MAINTENANCE AND UTILITY ~~COSTS~~ COST:

- (1) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004, AT A RATE NOT TO EXCEED \$2.50;
- (2) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005, AT A RATE NOT TO EXCEED \$5.00; AND
- (3) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, AT A RATE OF \$10.