

(B) (1) MARYLAND RULE 16-307 SHALL GOVERN THE PLAN FOR THE PILOT PROGRAM AND IMPLEMENTATION AND EVALUATION OF THE PILOT PROGRAM.

(2) ~~THE PILOT PROGRAM MAY WAIVE ANY TECHNICAL OR OTHER REQUIREMENTS~~ OR MODIFY ANY METHOD, PROCEDURE, OR CLERICAL OR TECHNICAL REQUIREMENT FOR RECORDING OR INDEXING UNDER THIS TITLE OR ANY OTHER GENERAL OR LOCAL LAW, EXCEPT THOSE SET FORTH IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE MARYLAND STATE ARCHIVES CONCERNING THE CARE AND PRESERVATION OF PERMANENT RECORDS.

(C) COSTS OF THE PILOT PROGRAM SHALL BE PAID FROM THE CIRCUIT COURT REAL PROPERTY RECORDS IMPROVEMENT FUND IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 13-603 OF THE COURTS ARTICLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(1) An instrument filed in accordance with the pilot program established under this Act shall be valid and effective to the same extent as a substantively identical paper instrument filed under Title 3 of the Real Property Article or other law; and

(2) Notwithstanding modification or termination of the pilot program, an instrument filed in accordance with the pilot program in effect at the time of filing shall remain validly and effectively recorded and indexed to the same extent as a substantively identical paper instrument filed at the same time.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2007. Section 1 of this Act shall remain effective for the period that the plan for the pilot program is authorized by the Court of Appeals under Maryland Rule 16-307. Upon termination of the pilot program, with no further action required by the General Assembly, Section 1 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect. The Administrative Office of the Courts shall notify the Department of Legislative Services of the termination date.

Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2007.