

CHAPTER 98

(Senate Bill 604)

AN ACT concerning

Circuit Courts - Fees

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the clerk of a circuit court from charging the State for certain fees unless the State consents to the charge; making a stylistic change; and generally relating to fees in the circuit courts.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 7-202

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1989 Replacement Volume and 1991 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

7-202.

(a) (1) The State Court Administrator shall determine the amount of all court costs and charges for the circuit courts of the counties with the approval of the Board of Public Works. The fees and charges shall be uniform throughout the State.

(2) The Comptroller of the State shall require clerks of court to collect all fees required to be collected by law.

(b) The clerk may not charge THE STATE, any county, municipality, or Baltimore City any fee provided by this subtitle, unless the STATE, county, municipality, or Baltimore City first gives its consent.

(c) The clerk is entitled to a reasonable fee for performing any other service that is not enumerated in this subtitle or in §§ 3-601 through 3-603 of the Real Property Article of the Code.

(d) If a party in a proceeding feels aggrieved by any fee permitted under this subtitle or by §§ 3-601 through 3-603 of the Real Property Article of the Code, [he] THE PARTY may request a judge of that circuit court to determine the reasonableness of the fee.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1992.

Approved May 5, 1992.