

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) THE STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR, AS PART OF THE ADMINISTRATOR'S DETERMINATION OF THE AMOUNT OF COURT COSTS AND CHARGES IN CIVIL CASES, SHALL ASSESS A SURCHARGE THAT:

(1) MAY NOT BE MORE THAN \$10 PER CASE; AND

(2) ~~SHALL BE DEPOSITED INTO A NONLAPSING FUND TO BE DEDICATED TO THE MARYLAND LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION FOR CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES TO INDIGENTS AS PROVIDED BY ARTICLE 10, §§ 45A THROUGH 45-O OF THE CODE~~ THE MARYLAND LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 7-408 OF THIS TITLE.

[(d)](E) 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, the party may request a judge of that circuit court to determine the reasonableness of the fee.

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(c) (1) The filing fees and costs in a civil case are those prescribed by law subject to modification by law, rule, or administrative regulation.

(2) THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT SHALL ASSESS A SURCHARGE THAT:

(I) MAY NOT BE MORE THAN ~~\$5~~ \$2 PER CIVIL CASE; AND

(II) ~~SHALL BE DEPOSITED INTO A NONLAPSING FUND TO BE DEDICATED TO THE MARYLAND LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION FOR CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES TO INDIGENTS AS PROVIDED BY ARTICLE 10, §§ 45A THROUGH 45-O OF THE CODE~~ THE MARYLAND LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 7-408 OF THIS TITLE.

[(2)](3) The Court of Appeals may provide by rule for waiver of prepayment of filing fees and other costs in cases of indigency.