salaries of the judges of the orphans' courts for Cecil County, Kent County, and Wicomico County; providing that this Act does not apply to the salary or compensation of the incumbent orphans' court judges; and generally relating to the salaries of the judges of the orphans' courts for Cecil County, Kent County, and Wicomico County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Estates and Trusts

Section 2-108(w) 2-108(i), (p), and (w)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1991 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Estates and Trusts

2-108.

- (i) Each of the judges of the Court for Cecil County shall receive an annual compensation of [\$3,500] \$4,500. Each judge shall also receive an allowance for traveling expenses of \$780 annually, to be paid quarterly by the County Commissioners.
- (p) Each of the judges of the Court for Kent County shall receive an annual compensation of [\$2,080] \$3,600. Each judge shall also receive an allowance for traveling expenses of \$520 annually, to be paid quarterly by the County Commissioners.
- (w) Each judge of the Court for Wicomico County shall receive an annual salary of [\$1,600] \$3,200 to be paid quarterly. Each judge shall also receive an annual allowance for traveling expenses of \$1,560 to be paid quarterly.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, pursuant to Article III, Section 35 of the Constitution of Maryland, this Act may not be construed to extend or apply to the salary or compensation of a judge of the Orphans' Court for Wicomico County the judges of the orphans' courts for Cecil County, Kent County, and Wicomico County in office on the effective date of this Act, but the provisions of this Act concerning the salary or compensation of a judge of the Orphans' Court for Wicomico County the judges of the orphans' courts for Cecil County, Kent County, and Wicomico County shall take effect at the beginning of the next following term of office.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1998.

May 21, 1998

The Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr. Speaker of the House