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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Howard County – Orphans’ Court Judges – Compensation**

3 **Ho. Co. 7–18**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the annual compensation of the judges of the Orphans’ Court
5 for Howard County for a certain fiscal year; requiring the annual compensation and
6 monthly expense allowance of the judges of the Orphans’ Court for Howard County
7 for certain fiscal years to be recommended by a certain compensation commission
8 and approved by the County Executive and County Council of Howard County;
9 providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the compensation
10 of the judges of the Orphans’ Court for Howard County.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Estates and Trusts
13 Section 2–108(o)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2017 Replacement Volume)

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

18 **Article – Estates and Trusts**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 2-108.

2 (o) (1) **FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019:**

3 (I) Each ASSOCIATE judge of the Court for Howard County shall
4 receive AN annual compensation of [~~\$10,000~~] **\$20,000**, to be paid monthly[.];

5 [(2)] (II) The [annual salary of the] Chief Judge [is \$11,500] **SHALL**
6 **RECEIVE AN ANNUAL COMPENSATION OF \$22,500**, to be paid monthly[.]; **AND**

7 [(3)] (III) Each judge shall also receive an expense allowance, in addition,
8 up to \$50 per month, for personal expenses incidental to the judge's duties, to be paid by
9 the Treasurer of Howard County each month on presentation of an itemized voucher.

10 (2) **FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 AND EACH SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEAR,**
11 **EACH JUDGE OF THE COURT FOR HOWARD COUNTY, INCLUDING THE CHIEF JUDGE,**
12 **SHALL RECEIVE AN ANNUAL COMPENSATION AND A MONTHLY EXPENSE ALLOWANCE**
13 **AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMPENSATION REVIEW COMMISSION, ESTABLISHED IN**
14 **ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 5, SUBTITLE 1 OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CODE AND**
15 **APPROVED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND THE COUNTY COUNCIL.**

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, pursuant to Article III, § 35
17 of the Maryland Constitution, this Act may not be construed to extend or apply to the salary
18 or compensation of the judges of the Orphans' Court for Howard County while serving in a
19 term of office beginning before the effective date of this Act, but the provisions of this Act
20 concerning the salary or compensation of the judges of the Orphans' Court for Howard
21 County shall take effect at the beginning of the next following term of office. This limitation
22 does not apply to an individual appointed or elected after the effective date of this Act to
23 fill out an unexpired term.

24 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
25 1, 2018.