

SENATE BILL 196

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By: **Senator Frosh**

Introduced and read first time: January 18, 2013

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Register of Wills – Salary**

3 FOR the purpose of altering a certain limit on the maximum salary that the Board of
4 Public Works may set for a register of wills; providing that this Act does not
5 apply to the salary or compensation of an incumbent register of wills during a
6 certain term of office; and generally relating to the salary of a register of wills.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8 Article – Estates and Trusts
9 Section 2–205(a)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article – Estates and Trusts
14 Section 2–205(b)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Estates and Trusts**

20 2–205.

21 (a) (1) It is the intent of this section that each register shall receive a fair
22 and adequate compensation for the effort and duties required of the register by the
23 register's office.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) The volume and character of work done by the register shall be in
2 comparison to the salary fixed by the Board of Public Works for each of the other
3 registers.

4 (b) (1) Each register is entitled to receive an annual salary of not more
5 than ~~[\$98,500]~~ **\$114,500**, to be determined in each instance by the Board of Public
6 Works.

7 (2) In determining the annual salary of the register, the Board of
8 Public Works shall be guided in the exercise of its discretion by:

9 (i) The population of the county determined by the last official
10 United States census;

11 (ii) The dollar volume of total fees and taxes collected and
12 excess fees turned over to the State for each of the preceding 5 years by the office of
13 the register for which the salary is being fixed; and

14 (iii) Other pertinent data which have relation to the
15 reasonableness of the salary in relation to the work done and volume handled by the
16 office.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, pursuant to Article III, §
18 35 of the Maryland Constitution, this Act may not be construed to extend or apply to
19 the salary or compensation of the registers of wills during a term of office beginning
20 before the effective date of this Act, but the provisions of this Act concerning the salary
21 or compensation of the registers of wills shall take effect at the beginning of the next
22 following term of office.

23 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 October 1, 2013.