

**HB0529/498275/1**

BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 529  
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in lines 2 and 3, strike “Surcharge on Recordable Instruments” and substitute “Report”; strike beginning with “altering” in line 4 down through “Fund” in line 6 and substitute “requiring the oversight committee of the Circuit Court Real Property Records Improvement Fund, in consultation with the Comptroller and the State Court Administrator, to report on certain matters and make certain recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the appointment of a replacement member for the oversight committee”; strike in their entirety lines 8 through 12, inclusive; and in line 14, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 15 on page 1 through line 10 on page 2, inclusive, and substitute:

“(a) On or before December 1, 2020, the oversight committee of the Circuit Court Real Property Records Improvement Fund, in consultation with the Comptroller and the State Court Administrator, shall, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, report to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, and the House Judiciary Committee on the fiscal viability of bifurcating the Circuit Court Real Property Records Improvement Fund to provide funding for:

(1) operating expenses of the land records offices of the clerks of the circuit courts and to repair, replace, improve, modernize, and update office equipment and equipment-related services in the land records office of the clerk of the circuit court for each county, including electronic recording; and

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(2) other information technology development projects of the Judiciary Department.

(b) The report under this section shall contain recommendations for appropriate uses of the Fund and alternative funding sources, and any additional recommendations relating to the Fund.

(c) If an oversight committee member is unavailable to perform the member's duties under this section, the entity that the member represents under § 13-602(a)(2) of the Courts Article may appoint a replacement member to fulfill the member's duties under this section."