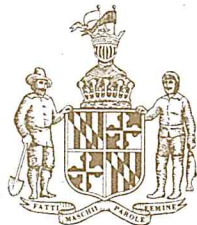


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TESTIMONY – SENATE BILL 204

STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – VESTING AND RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE – CLERK OF THE COURT AND REGISTER OF WILLS

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MARCH 23, 2023

Chairman Barnes, Vice Chairman Chang, and Committee Members:

Senate Bill 204 is a very simple bill that allows Maryland Clerks of the Court and Registers of Wills to vest in the State Pension System after 8 years of service. This legislation would allow a Clerk of the Court or Register of Wills (who begins service on or after July 1, 2011) to retire with a normal service retirement allowance if:

- 1) The member completes and submits a written application to the Board of Trustees stating the date when the member desires to retire.
- 2) The member has at least 90 years of combined age and years of eligibility service or is at least 65 years of age and has at least 8 years of eligibility service on or before the date of retirement.

This is a simple piece of legislation that I believe will encourage qualified candidates to pursue these important offices and provide these officials with a deserved benefit proportional to the services that they provide the public.

For the reasons listed above, I ask for a favorable report of Senate Bill 204.