

HOUSE BILL 836

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By: **Delegate Bates**

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Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Personnel – Land Records Employees – Salaries and Benefits**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that the operating expenses for the salaries and benefits
4 of the employees of the land records office of the clerk of the circuit court for
5 each county and Baltimore City be paid from the General Fund of the State
6 instead of the Circuit Court Real Property Records Improvement Fund,
7 beginning with a certain fiscal year; and generally relating to the funding for
8 payment of the salaries and expenses of employees of local land records offices
9 in the State.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
12 Section 13–603
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

18 13–603.

19 (a) The Fund consists of:

20 (1) Surcharges collected under § 13–604 of this subtitle; and

21 (2) Revenues from copies made on equipment bought through the
22 Fund.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) The Fund is a nonlapsing revolving fund which is not subject to § 7–302
2 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

3 (c) The Fund shall be used to pay:

4 (1) [The operating expenses of the land records offices of the clerks of
5 the circuit courts and to repair, replace, improve, modernize, and update] **FOR THE**
6 **REPAIR, REPLACEMENT, IMPROVEMENT, MODERNIZATION, AND UPDATING OF**
7 office equipment and equipment related services in the land records office of the clerk
8 of the circuit court for each county, as the Administrator considers appropriate, with
9 advice from the oversight committee; and

10 (2) For major information technology development projects of the
11 Judiciary Department, as the Administrator considers appropriate.

12 (d) Expenditures under this section shall only be made pursuant to an
13 appropriation approved by the General Assembly in the annual State budget prior to
14 the expenditure or obligation of funds.

15 (e) The Fund shall be subject to an audit by the Office of Legislative Audits
16 as provided for in § 2–1220 of the State Government Article.

17 (f) Disbursements from the Fund shall supplement and may not be a
18 substitute for any funds designated in the State budget for office equipment and
19 services in the land records office of the clerk of the circuit court for each county.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, as of July 1, 2011, and
21 for each fiscal year thereafter, the operating expenses for the salaries and benefits of
22 the employees of the land records office of the clerk of the circuit court for each county
23 and Baltimore City shall be paid from the General Fund of the State.

24 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 July 1, 2011.