

Section 52(4) and (11)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, (Three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses concurring), That it be proposed that the Constitution of Maryland read as follows:

Article IV – Judiciary Department

10.

(a) (1) The Clerks of the [several] Courts[, created, or continued by this Constitution,] shall have charge and custody of [the] records and other papers[,] AND shall perform all the duties which appertain to their [several] offices, as [the same now are, or may hereafter be] ARE regulated by Law. [And the]

(2) THE office and business of [said] THE Clerks, in all their departments, shall be subject to AND GOVERNED IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULES ADOPTED BY THE COURT OF APPEALS PURSUANT TO SECTION 18 OF THIS ARTICLE. [the visitorial power of the Judges of their respective Courts, who shall exercise the same, from time to time, so as to insure the faithful performance of the duties of said officers; and it shall be the duty of the Judges of said Courts respectively, to make, from time to time, such rules and regulations as may be necessary and proper for the government of said Clerks, and for the performance of the duties of their offices, which shall have the force of Law until repealed or modified by the General Assembly.]

(b) The offices of the Clerks shall be funded through the State budget. All fees, commissions, or other revenues established by Law for these offices shall be State revenues, unless provided otherwise by the General Assembly.

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[The Clerks shall appoint, subject to the confirmation of the Judges of their respective Courts, as many deputies under them, as the Judges deem necessary, to perform, together with themselves, the duties of the office, who shall be removable by the Judges for incompetency, or neglect of duty, and whose compensation shall be determined by law. In Washington County, all deputy clerks and other employees of the office of the clerk shall be appointed and be removable according to the merit system procedure established by law for these deputies and employees. All deputy clerks and other employees of the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City, excepting the Clerk, shall be selected and be removable according to a procedure established by law for those deputies and employees.] DEPUTY CLERKS AND OTHER EMPLOYEES OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK SHALL BE APPOINTED AND REMOVED ACCORDING TO PROCEDURES SET BY LAW.

Article III – Legislative Department

52.

(4) Each Budget shall embrace an estimate of all appropriations in such form and detail as the Governor shall determine or as may be prescribed by law, as follows: