

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 2-205(k) of Article - Estates and Trusts, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1976 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article - Estates and Trusts

2-205.

~~(b) Each register is entitled to receive an annual salary [of not less than \$6,000 and not more than \$20,000,] to be determined in each instance by the Board of Public Works, PLUS COST OF LIVING INCREASES WHEN GIVEN TO EMPLOYEES IN THE OFFICE. [and the Board may raise this maximum salary to \$25,000. (B) EACH REGISTER IS ENTITLED TO RECEIVE AN ANNUAL SALARY OF NOT LESS THAN \$6,000 AND NOT MORE THAN \$25,000, TO BE DETERMINED IN EACH INSTANCE BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, AND THE BOARD MAY RAISE THIS MAXIMUM SALARY TO \$30,000.~~ In determining the annual salary of the register, the Board of Public Works shall be guided in the exercise of its discretion by

(1) The population of the county determined by the last official United States census;

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

(3) Other pertinent data which have relation to the reasonableness of the salary in relation to the work done and volume handled by the office.--]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the provisions of this Act shall not be construed to extend or apply to the salary of the Registers of Wills in office on the effective date of this Act, but the provisions of this Act concerning the salary of the Registers of Wills shall take effect at the beginning of the next following term of office.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1977.

Approved May 26, 1977.