

Annotated Code of Maryland
(1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 8-106

Annotated Code of Maryland
(1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

2-501.

(E) (1) THERE SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE JUDICIAL BRANCH AN APPROPRIATION TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS IN THE AMOUNT NECESSARY TO PAY SALARIES AND BENEFITS OF STANDING CIRCUIT COURT MASTERS.

(2) THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS SHALL:

(I) IDENTIFY THE STANDING CIRCUIT COURT MASTERS; AND

(II) DEVELOP A PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT PLAN AND FUNDING PLAN TO IMPLEMENT THIS SUBSECTION.

(3) A STANDING MASTER OF A CIRCUIT COURT OR A JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SHALL REPORT TO AND PERFORM THE DUTIES AND ASSIGNMENTS DETERMINED BY THE JUDGES OF THE RESPECTIVE CIRCUIT COURT OR CIRCUIT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEWIDE POLICY ON MASTERS.

(4) THE COURT OF APPEALS MAY ADOPT RULES CONCERNING THE MASTER POSITIONS DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION.

(5) (I) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS PARAGRAPH, CIRCUIT COURT MASTERS IDENTIFIED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL REMAIN ~~LOCAL~~ COUNTY OR BALTIMORE CITY EMPLOYEES AND SHALL NOT BE STATE EMPLOYEES.

(II) A CIRCUIT COURT MASTER IDENTIFIED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION MAY ELECT TO BECOME A STATE EMPLOYEE BETWEEN JANUARY 1, ~~2001~~ 2002, AND MARCH 31, ~~2001~~ 2002, BOTH INCLUSIVE.

(III) A CIRCUIT COURT MASTER WHO ELECTS UNDER THIS SUBSECTION TO BECOME A STATE EMPLOYEE SHALL BECOME A STATE EMPLOYEE ON JULY 1, ~~2001~~ 2002.

(IV) A STANDING CIRCUIT COURT MASTER HIRED ON OR AFTER JULY 1, ~~2001~~ 2002, SHALL BE A STATE EMPLOYEE.