

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1999 SESSION

CHAPTER 198

An Act to amend and reenact § 8.01-582 of the Code of Virginia, relating to appointment of general receivers; their duties; audit of funds.

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 8.01-582 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 8.01-582. Appointment of general receivers; their duties; audit of funds.

Any circuit court may appoint a general receiver of the court, who may be the clerk of the court, and who shall hold his office at its pleasure. The general receiver's duty shall be, unless it is otherwise specially ordered, to receive, take charge of and hold all moneys paid under any judgment, order or decree of the court, and also to pay out or dispose of same as the court orders or decrees. Moneys held pursuant to this section *shall be deemed public deposits as set forth in Chapter 23 (§ 2.1-359 et seq.) of Title 2.1* and shall be invested in certificates of deposit or time deposits, and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 18 (§ 2.1-327 et seq.) of Title 2.1, as ordered by the court. Orders creating funds pursuant to this section shall include information necessary to make prudent investment and disbursement decisions. The order shall include, except when it is unreasonable, (i) the beneficiary's social security number and date of birth and (ii) the proposed dates of final and periodic disbursements.

Unless otherwise ordered by the court, the provisions of this section shall not apply to:

1. Cash or other money received in lieu of surety on any bond posted in any civil or criminal case, including but not limited to, bail bonds, appeal bonds in appeals from a district court or circuit court, bonds posted in connection with the filing of an attachment, detinue seizure or distress, suspending bonds, and performance bonds;

2. Cash or other money paid or deposited in the clerk's office prior to final disposition of the case, including but not limited to interpleaders or eminent domain; or

3. Cash or other money deposits in lieu of surety on any bond posted in the clerk's office which is not posted in connection with any civil or criminal case, including bonds posted by executors or administrators.

To this end, the general receiver is authorized to verify, receive, and give acquittances for all such moneys, as the court may direct. Any interest which accrues on the funds, minus allowable fees and bond costs, shall be credited and payable to the person or persons entitled to receive such funds.

All moneys received under this section are subject to audit by the Auditor of Public Accounts. The Auditor of Public Accounts shall prescribe mandatory record keeping and accounting standards for general receivers.