

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
2026 Session

**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**First Reader**

House Bill 1488 (Delegate D. Jones, *et al.*)  
Government, Labor, and Elections

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**Constitutional Language - Modernization**

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This proposed constitutional amendment alters terminology in the Maryland Constitution so that references to individuals, judges, members of the General Assembly, military officers, the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Comptroller, Treasurer, and Adjutant General are gender neutral. The bill also makes conforming changes.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The bill is technical in nature and has no effect on governmental operations or finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Generally, the Maryland Constitution refers to individuals, members of the General Assembly, judges, military officers, and constitutional officers exclusively as males.

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**Additional Information**

**Recent Prior Introductions:** Similar legislation has been introduced within the last three years. See SB 733 and HB 1129 of 2025.

**Designated Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Department of Legislative Services

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