

HOUSE BILL 493

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(6lr2501)

ENROLLED BILL

— Judiciary/Judicial Proceedings —

Introduced by **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference)**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

Proofreader.

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington County – Judgeships – ~~Circuit Court and District Court~~**

3 FOR the purpose of ~~increasing the number of resident judges of the Circuit Court for St.~~
4 ~~Mary's County~~; increasing the number of associate judges of the District Court in a
5 certain district appointed from Washington County; and generally relating to
6 judgeships in ~~the circuit courts and~~ the District Court.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
9 Section ~~1-503(a)(18) and~~ 1-603(b)(11)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



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

3 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

4 ~~1-503.~~

5 ~~(a) In each county in the first seven judicial circuits there shall be the number of~~
6 ~~resident judges of the circuit court set forth below, including the judge or judges provided~~
7 ~~for by the Constitution.~~

8 ~~(18) St. Mary's~~ ~~[3]~~ **4**

9 1-603.

10 (b) In each of the districts provided for in § 1-602 of this subtitle, there shall be
11 the following number of associate judges of the District Court:

12 (11) District 11 — **[5] 6**, three to be appointed from Frederick County and
13 **[two] THREE** to be appointed from Washington County

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 October 1, 2026.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.