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MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

Effective Dates

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**2012 Chapters – Effective December 6, 2012**  
**Constitutional Amendments**

**SB 48**  
**Chapter 146**

**Baltimore County Senators**

**BALTIMORE COUNTY – ORPHANS’ COURT JUDGES –  
QUALIFICATIONS**

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to change the qualifications for judges of the Orphans’ Court for Baltimore County; requiring judges of the Orphans’ Court for Baltimore County to have been admitted to practice law in the State and be members in good standing of the Maryland Bar; and submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

**HB 211**  
**Chapter 147**

**Delegate Ivey, et al**

**ELECTED OFFICIALS – REMOVAL FROM OFFICE – CRIMES**

Requiring that an elected official of the State or of a county or municipal corporation who is found guilty of a felony or specified misdemeanors be suspended and, under specified circumstances, removed from office by operation of law; requiring that an elected official of the State or of a county or municipal corporation who enters a plea of guilty or nolo contendere relating to a felony or specified misdemeanors be removed from office by operation of law; submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State; etc.

## 2012 Second Special Session Chapter – Effective December 27, 2012

### SB 1 Chapter 1

#### **The President (By Request – Administration)**

GAMING EXPANSION - VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS AND  
TABLE GAMES - LOTTERY MACHINES - VETERANS'  
ORGANIZATIONS

Establishing the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission and the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency; authorizing, subject to a specified contingency, the use and regulation of specified table games in the State, one additional license for a video lottery facility, and additional video lottery terminals; authorizing the Director of the Agency to issue to specified veterans' organizations a license for instant ticket lottery machines; submitting provisions of the Act to a referendum of qualified voters in the State; etc.

**Section 2 Only. Other sections of this chapter are subject to various effective dates**

## 2011 Chapters – Effective December 6, 2012

**SB 167**                    **Senators Ramirez, et al**  
**Chapter 191**            **PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION - TUITION RATES - EXEMPTIONS**

Extending the period within which an honorably discharged veteran must present evidence to qualify for a resident tuition rate; establishing that specified individuals, including undocumented immigrants, shall be exempt from paying the out-of-state tuition rate at community colleges under specified circumstances; requiring documentation that the student or the student's parent or legal guardian has filed a Maryland income tax return during specified years; etc.

**SB 281**                    **Senators Miller, Currie, Muse, Peters, and Ramirez**  
**Chapter 394**

### **Constitutional Amendment**

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – ORPHANS' COURT JUDGES – QUALIFICATIONS**

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to prescribe different qualifications for judges of the Orphans' Court for Prince George's County; requiring judges of the Orphans' Court for Prince George's County to have been admitted to practice law in the State and be members in good standing of the Maryland Bar; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.