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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Circuit Courts - Cases Awaiting Decision - Report**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Circuit Administrative Judge of each judicial circuit to
4 report certain cases that have been awaiting a decision for a certain period of time
5 to the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals; establishing requirements for the
6 reports; requiring the reports to be made available to the public; and generally
7 relating to administration of the courts.

8 BY adding to

9 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
10 Section 1-504
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

16 1-504.

17 (A) ON JANUARY 15 AND JULY 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE CIRCUIT
18 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE OF EACH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SHALL REPORT TO THE CHIEF
19 JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS ALL CASES THAT HAVE BEEN:

20 (1) ARGUED BEFORE THE CIRCUIT COURTS OR SUBMITTED FOR
21 JUDGMENT; AND

22 (2) AWAITING A DECISION OR JUDGMENT FOR AT LEAST 6 MONTHS
23 SINCE ARGUMENTS AND SUBMISSION OF EVIDENCE WERE COMPLETED.

24 (B) THE REPORTS SHALL INCLUDE, FOR EACH CASE, THE NAMES OF THE
25 PARTIES, THE DOCKET NUMBER, THE DATE WHEN ARGUMENTS AND SUBMISSION OF
26 EVIDENCE WERE COMPLETED, AND A BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE DELAY IN THE
27 DECISION OR JUDGMENT.

28 (C) THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS AND THE CIRCUIT
29 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGES SHALL MAKE THE REPORTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC.

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1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 1996.