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**By: Senators Stone, Hollinger, Collins, Kelley, and Bromwell**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Courts - District Court Facilities in Baltimore County**

3 FOR the purpose of removing a certain time limitation for the requirement that a District  
4 Court facility be located both in the Dundalk and Owings Mills areas of Baltimore  
5 County; and relating generally to the services of the District Court of Maryland in  
6 District 8.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
9 Section 1-603(d)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

14 **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

15 1-603.

16 (d) To assure that the services of the District Court are READILY AND  
17 PRACTICABLY available in all areas of District 8[, subject to the time limits contained in  
18 this subsection] AND TO ASSURE THAT THESE SERVICES ARE PROVIDED TO ALL  
19 CITIZENS OF DISTRICT 8 WITH A MINIMUM OF INCONVENIENCE AND A MAXIMUM OF  
20 AVAILABILITY, there shall be a court facility physically located in each of the following  
21 areas of that district, and at least one judge shall sit regularly in each location:

- 22 (1) The Towson area;
- 23 (2) The Catonsville area;
- 24 (3) The Dundalk area [until June 30, 1997];
- 25 (4) The Essex area; and
- 26 (5) The Owings Mills area [until June 30, 1997].

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