

EMERGENCY BILL

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**By: Delegates Preis, R. Baker, Dewberry, and La Vay**

Introduced and read first time: January 31, 1997

Assigned to: Judiciary

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Commission on the Future of Maryland Courts - Continuation of Executive Committee**

3 FOR the purpose of continuing, until a certain date, the Executive Committee of the  
4 Commission on the Future of Maryland Courts; providing for the appointment of  
5 certain additional members; specifying the duties of the continued Commission;  
6 providing for the termination of this Act; making this Act an emergency measure;  
7 and generally relating to the Commission on the Future of Maryland Courts.

8 BY repealing

9 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
10 Section 13-701 through 13-707, inclusive, and the subtitle "Subtitle 7. Commission  
11 on the Future of Maryland Courts"  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

14 BY adding to

15 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
16 Section 13-701 through 13-706, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 7.  
17 Commission on the Future of Maryland Courts"  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
21 MARYLAND, That Section(s) 13-701 through 13-707, inclusive, and the subtitle  
22 "Subtitle 7. Commission on the Future of Maryland Courts" of Article - Courts and  
23 Judicial Proceedings of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland  
25 read as follows:

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1 **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

2 SUBTITLE 7. COMMISSION ON THE FUTURE OF MARYLAND COURTS.

3 13-701.

4 IN THIS SUBTITLE, "EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE" MEANS:

5 (1) THE FORMER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CREATED BY THE  
6 COMMISSION ON THE FUTURE OF MARYLAND COURTS; AND

7 (2) THE LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS APPOINTED UNDER § 13-703 OF THIS  
8 SUBTITLE.

9 13-702.

10 THERE IS AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COMMISSION ON THE FUTURE  
11 OF MARYLAND COURTS.

12 13-703.

13 THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF EIGHT MEMBERS AS FOLLOWS:

14 (1) THE SIX MEMBERS WHO SERVED ON THE FORMER EXECUTIVE  
15 COMMITTEE ON DECEMBER 31, 1996;

16 (2) ONE MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES APPOINTED BY THE  
17 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE; AND

18 (3) ONE MEMBER OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND APPOINTED BY THE  
19 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE.

20 13-704.

21 (A) THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL CHOOSE A CHAIRMAN FROM AMONG  
22 ITS MEMBERS.

23 (B) A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

24 (1) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION; BUT

25 (2) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE  
26 STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

27 (C) THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL SET THE TIMES AND PLACES OF ITS  
28 MEETINGS.

29 (D) THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MAY EMPLOY A STAFF IN ACCORDANCE  
30 WITH THE STATE BUDGET.

31 13-705.

32 (A) THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL WORK WITH THE GOVERNOR'S  
33 OFFICE, THE LEGISLATIVE STAFF AGENCIES, AND THE APPROPRIATE LEGISLATIVE  
34 COMMITTEES TO PREPARE APPROPRIATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS AND  
35 LEGISLATION FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1998 SESSION OF THE GENERAL

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1 ASSEMBLY TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINAL REPORT OF THE  
2 COMMISSION ON THE FUTURE OF MARYLAND COURTS.

3 (B) THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL MONITOR ANY PROPOSED  
4 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS AND LEGISLATION THROUGH THE LEGISLATIVE  
5 PROCESS.

6 13-706.

7 THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL TERMINATE AT THE END OF THE 1998  
8 SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

9 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency  
10 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, has  
11 been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to  
12 each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is  
13 enacted. It shall remain effective until June 1, 1998 and, at the end of June 1, 1998, with  
14 no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no  
15 further force and effect.