

BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 592
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with "creating" in line 3 down through "masters;" in line 7; in line 9, after "language;" insert "requiring the counties to supplement the State per diem amount of juror compensation unless a certain local ordinance is adopted; requiring the Administrative Office of the Courts to complete a certain report on achieving greater uniformity among judicial masters in the circuit courts;"; in line 13, strike "2-510 and"; and strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 21 on page 1 through line 2 on page 2.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 2 and 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 6 on page 2 through line 9 on page 3.

On page 5, strike in their entirety lines 11 through 22.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3 in line 12 and on page 5 in line 9, in each instance, after "MARYLAND" insert "BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2000,".

On page 5, in line 10, strike "FOR EXPENSE MONEY" and substitute "THE STATE PER DIEM AMOUNT"; strike beginning with "this" in line 23 down through "ordinances." in line 26 and substitute "a county shall supplement the State per diem amount established under § 8-106 of the Courts Article as enacted by Section 1 of this Act so that the total per diem amount and other expenses do not fall below the amount required under § 8-106 of the Courts Article prior to the effective date of this Act, unless a county modifies the supplemental amount by local ordinance."; and in line 27, after "ENACTED," insert "That the Administrative Office of the Courts, in consultation with the Maryland State Bar Association and the Maryland Judicial Conference, shall

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report back to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Committee on Appropriations by November 15, 1998 on how to achieve greater uniformity among judicial masters within the circuit courts. The report should address issues relating to the compensation, qualifications, appointment, and duties of judicial masters within the circuit courts.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,”.