

SENATE BILL 243

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1998 Regular Session
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By: **Senator Stone**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Postconviction Procedure - Venue**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that a hearing on a postconviction petition be held in
4 the circuit court of the county in which the charging document was originally
5 filed.

6 BY adding to
7 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
8 Section 645A(h)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

13 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

14 645A.

15 (H) A HEARING ON A POSTCONVICTION PETITION SHALL BE HELD IN THE
16 CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE CHARGING DOCUMENT WAS
17 ORIGINALLY FILED.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 October 1, 1998.