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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Courts and Judicial Proceedings - Rendering of Judicial Decisions - Time**
3 **Limitation**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring judges to render judicial decisions within a specified
5 time period from the date the case was argued before, or submitted to, the judge;
6 providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the time
7 limitation for judges to render a judicial decision.

8 BY adding to
9 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
10 Section 1-205
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1998 Replacement Volume)

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 1-205.

17 EACH JUDGE OF A COURT OF THE STATE SHALL RENDER A DECISION IN EACH
18 CASE ARGUED BEFORE THE JUDGE, OR SUBMITTED TO THE JUDGE FOR JUDGMENT,
19 WITHIN 6 MONTHS FROM THE DATE THE CASE WAS ARGUED OR SUBMITTED.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply only
21 to cases argued before, or submitted to, the court on or after the effective date of this
22 Act.

23 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 October 1, 1999.