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By: **Chairman, Judiciary Committee (Maryland Judicial Conference)**

Introduced and read first time: February 4, 2000

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **District Court - Constables**

3 FOR the purpose of making it discretionary, rather than mandatory, for the Chief
4 Judge of the District Court to appoint constables in each district; making it
5 discretionary, rather than mandatory, for an administrative judge of a district to
6 assign constables to the courts or divisions of courts within the district;
7 repealing a requirement that every court or division of a court in a district have
8 at least one constable; and generally relating to the appointment and
9 assignment of District Court constables.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
12 Section 2-604(a)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

17 **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

18 2-604.

19 (a) The Chief Judge of the District Court, upon the recommendation of the
20 administrative judge of each district, [shall] MAY appoint the number of constables
21 required to serve process of the District Court within that district. [The] AN
22 administrative judge [shall] MAY assign the constables to the various courts or
23 divisions of courts within [his] A district [so that every court or division of a court
24 has at least one constable] AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE CONSIDERS NECESSARY.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 June 1, 2000.