BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 659 (First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 5, after "County;" insert "<u>eliminating certain District Court judgeships in</u> <u>Montgomery County;</u>"; in line 7, after "providing" insert "<u>for</u>"; in lines 7 and 8, strike "for certain provisions of this Act"; and in line 13, after "1-503(a)(15)," insert "<u>1-603(b)(6).</u>".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 10, strike "21" and substitute "20".

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 11 through 13, inclusive, and substitute:

"<u>1-603.</u>

(b) In each of the districts provided for in § 1-602 of this subtitle, there shall be the following number of associate judges of the District Court:

(6) <u>District 6 - [13] 11</u>".

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, in line 30, strike "3." and substitute "2.".

On page 4, in lines 1, 6, 14, 20, and 27, strike "4.", "5.", "6.", "7.", and "8.", respectively, and substitute "<u>3.</u>", "<u>4.</u>", "<u>5.</u>", "<u>6.</u>", and "<u>9.</u>", respectively; after line 26, insert:

"SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the amendment to § 1-603(b)(6) of the Courts Article as enacted by Section 1 of this Act may not be construed to limit or otherwise affect the terms or appointments of the judges of the District Court of Maryland in District 6 who are

(Over)

in office on the effective date of this Act.

<u>SECTION 8.</u> AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the reduction in the authorized number of associate judges in District 6 shall be implemented as follows:

(1) If two or fewer vacancies exist in the office of an associate judge of the District Court in District 6 on March 1, 2002, those vacancies may not be filled and those offices shall be terminated; and

(2) If no vacancy exists in the office of an associate judge of the District Court in District 6 on March 1, 2002, the 13 associate judges may continue to serve, and when the first and second vacancies occur, those vacancies may not be filled and those offices shall be terminated.";

in line 27, strike "Sections 2 through 7 of"; and strike in their entirety lines 29 and 30, inclusive.