

BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 550

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 16, after “coverage;” insert “prohibiting a presiding judge from granting a request for media coverage unless all parties have filed written consent with the court; requiring media coverage of the testimony of a witness in a criminal proceeding to be terminated or limited under certain circumstances;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 28, strike “SUBSECTION (C)” and substitute “SUBSECTIONS (C) AND (D)”; in the same line, after “SECTION” insert “AND SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE OR THE ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT IN WHICH THE CRIMINAL PROCEEDING IS TO TAKE PLACE”; and in line 31, strike “PROCEEDINGS” and substitute “PROCEEDING”.

On page 3, in line 6, after “THE” insert “CRIMINAL”.

On page 4, in line 1, after “(1)” insert “A PROCEEDING IN DISTRICT COURT;

(2)”;

in lines 3, 4, and 5, strike “(2)”, “(3)”, and “(4)”, respectively, and substitute “(3)”, “(4)”, and “(5)”, respectively; after line 6, insert:

“(D) (1) A PRESIDING JUDGE MAY NOT GRANT A REQUEST FOR MEDIA COVERAGE OF A CRIMINAL PROCEEDING UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION UNLESS ALL PARTIES HAVE FILED WRITTEN CONSENT WITH THE COURT.

(2) MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE TESTIMONY OF A WITNESS IN A

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CRIMINAL CASE SHALL BE TERMINATED OR LIMITED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUEST OR OBJECTION OF THE WITNESS.”;

and in lines 7 and 12, strike “(D)” and “(E)”, respectively, and substitute “(E)” and “(F)”, respectively.