

# SENATE BILL 825

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By: **Senator Pipkin**

Introduced and read first time: February 16, 2007

Assigned to: Rules

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Queen Anne's County – Orphans' Court Judges – Powers**

3 FOR the purpose of clarifying that a judge of the Orphans' Court in Queen Anne's  
4 County may do certain acts; and generally relating to the powers of a judge of  
5 the Orphans' Court in Queen Anne's County.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
7 Article – Estates and Trusts  
8 Section 2–106(f)  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

11 BY adding to  
12 Article – Estates and Trusts  
13 Section 2–106(g)  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
17 Article – Estates and Trusts  
18 Section 2–106(g) through (i)  
19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
20 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



**Article – Estates and Trusts**

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2 2–106.

3 (f) (1) The sessions of the Court in Baltimore County shall continue from  
4 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., if necessary for the transaction of the business of the Court.

5 (2) A judge of the Orphans' Court in Baltimore County who is also an  
6 attorney-at-law has full power to do any act that the Court is authorized by law to  
7 perform, including the power to hold court on a day not named in an adjournment.

8 **(G) A JUDGE OF THE ORPHANS' COURT IN QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY HAS**  
9 **FULL POWER TO DO ANY ACT THAT THE COURT IS AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO**  
10 **PERFORM, INCLUDING THE POWER TO HOLD COURT ON A DAY NOT NAMED IN AN**  
11 **ADJOURNMENT.**

12 **[(g)] (H)** In Charles County, the sessions of the Court shall be held on at  
13 least one day each week, as determined by the Court, for the transaction of business.

14 **[(h)] (I)** In Anne Arundel County, the sessions of the Court shall be held at  
15 least 2 full business days each week, and more often if necessary, for the transaction of  
16 business.

17 **[(i)] (J)** If an orphans' court judge of a county is unable to serve for any  
18 reason, the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals may assign, on a temporary basis, an  
19 orphans' court judge of another county to sit for the judge who is unable to serve.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
21 October 1, 2007.