

SENATE BILL 914

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

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CF HB 77

By: **Senator McFadden**

Introduced and read first time: February 23, 2007

Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Orphans' Court Judge – Degree of Juris Doctor or Its Equivalent**

3 FOR the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to require
4 an individual to possess a degree of Juris Doctor, or its equivalent, from an
5 accredited law school to be eligible to be a judge of an orphans' court; providing
6 for an exception of limited duration; providing for the expiration of a certain
7 exception; generally relating to the requirements of becoming a judge of an
8 orphans' court; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the
9 State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection.

10 BY proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution
11 Article IV – Judiciary Department
12 Section 40

13 BY proposing an addition to the Maryland Constitution
14 Article XVIII – Provisions of Limited Duration
15 Section 6

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
17 MARYLAND, (Three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses
18 concurring), That it be proposed that the Maryland Constitution read as follows:

19 **Article IV – Judiciary Department**

20 40.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the foregoing section
2 proposed as an amendment to the Maryland Constitution shall be submitted to the
3 legal and qualified voters of this State at the next general election to be held in
4 November, 2008 for their adoption or rejection pursuant to Article XIV of the
5 Maryland Constitution. At that general election, the vote on this proposed amendment
6 to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot there shall be printed the
7 words "For the Constitutional Amendment" and "Against the Constitutional
8 Amendment," as now provided by law. Immediately after the election, all returns shall
9 be made to the Governor of the vote for and against the proposed amendment, as
10 directed by Article XIV of the Maryland Constitution, and further proceedings had in
11 accordance with Article XIV.