

**SB0827/963324/1**

BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 827  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, after “**Examination**” insert “**and Workgroup to Study the Voir Dire Process**”; in line 3, after “court;” insert “establishing the Workgroup to Study the Voir Dire Process;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 15, strike “**SHALL BE**” and substitute “**IS**”; and in line 20, after the period insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

- (a) There is a Workgroup to Study the Voir Dire Process.
- (b) The Workgroup consists of the following members:
  - (1) one member of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate;
  - (2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
  - (3) the Attorney General of Maryland;
  - (4) the Chief Justice of the Maryland Supreme Court;
  - (5) two members appointed by the Chief Justice of the Maryland Supreme Court; and

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- (6) two members appointed by the Attorney General.
  
- (c) The Workgroup members shall elect the chair of the Workgroup.
  
- (d) The Department of Legislative Services, the Judiciary, and the Office of the Attorney General shall provide staff for the Workgroup.
  
- (e) A member of the Workgroup:
  - (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Workgroup; but
  
  - (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.
  
- (f) The Workgroup shall study the voir dire process and make findings and recommendations.
  
- (g) On or before June 30, 2025, the Workgroup shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act shall take effect October 1, 2024.”.

On page 2, in line 1, strike “2.” and substitute “4.”; in the same line, after “That” insert “, except as provided in Section 3 of this Act.”; in line 2, strike “October” and substitute “July”; and in the same line, after the period insert “Section 2 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2025, Section 2 of this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.