

Chapter 139

(House Bill 787)

AN ACT concerning

Courts – State Reporter – Publication of Cases

FOR the purpose of repealing a requirement that the State Reporter secure copyright for the State of published reports of opinions of the Supreme Court of Maryland and the Appellate Court of Maryland; and generally relating to the State Reporter and the publication of cases.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 13–203
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

13–203.

(A) The State Reporter, under the supervision of the Supreme Court of Maryland, shall prepare for publication reports of cases decided in the Supreme Court of Maryland and in the Appellate Court of Maryland and designated for publication by the respective courts.

(B) The clerk of each appellate court shall deliver to the Reporter accurate copies of the opinions designated for publication by [his] **THE CLERK’S** court.

(C) The opinion in each case shall be published within six months of the decision in the case.

(D) The Reporter, in the usual manner of authors, shall superintend the proofreading, correction, and publication of the reports [and secure copyright for the State of Maryland as its property].

(E) The Reporter shall have the sum for clerical assistance provided in the State budget.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, April 22, 2025.