

**HB0638/933529/1**

BY: Delegate Buckel

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 638, AS AMENDED  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1 of the Judiciary Committee Amendments (HB0638/373027/1), in line 4 of Amendment No. 1, after “Court” insert “, subject to a certain exception”.

On page 1 of the bill, after line 7, insert:

“BY proposing an addition to the Maryland Constitution  
Article XVIII - Provisions of Limited Duration  
Section 6”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4 of the bill, after line 19, insert:

“Article XVIII – Provisions of Limited Duration

**6.**

**(A) (1) FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPLEMENTING THE AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE IV OF THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION PROPOSED BY HOUSE BILL 638 OF 2026, CONCERNING THE TENURE OF JUDGES IN THE STATE, THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS SHALL GOVERN.**

**(2) IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE XIV, SECTION 1A OF THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION, THIS SECTION SHALL EXPIRE WHEN ALL OF THE JUSTICES OR JUDGES HAVE COMPLETED ALL THE TERMS FOR WHICH THE**

JUSTICES OR JUDGES ARE RETAINED IN OFFICE UNDER SUBSECTIONS (B) AND (C) OF THIS SECTION OR HAVE VACATED THEIR OFFICES FOR ANY REASON.

(B) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, EACH JUSTICE OR JUDGE WHO WAS IN OFFICE OR ELECTED TO A TERM ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 3, 2026, MAY CONTINUE IN OFFICE ONLY UNTIL THE JUDGE OR JUSTICE ATTAINS THE AGE OF 70 YEARS.

(C) EACH JUDGE OF THE ORPHANS' COURT WHO WAS ELECTED TO A TERM ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 3, 2026, MAY SERVE THE ENTIRETY OF THE TERM, REGARDLESS OF THE AGE OF THE JUDGE."