

HOUSE BILL 946

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By: Delegate Wu

Introduced and read first time: February 5, 2026

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Government – Governor’s Appointments Office – Judicial Selection –**
3 **Reporting**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor’s Appointments Office to annually report
5 certain information regarding applicants and nominees for judicial office; and
6 generally relating to applicants and nominees for judicial office.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – State Government
9 Section 8–3A–01(a)(1)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
13 Article – State Government
14 Section 8–3A–01(a)(3)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

17 BY adding to
18 Article – State Government
19 Section 8–3A–03
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

24 **Article – State Government**

25 8–3A–01.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) (1) In this [section] SUBTITLE the following words have the meanings
2 indicated.

10 8-3A-03.

11 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "JUDGE" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 1-101 OF
12 THE COURTS ARTICLE.

13 **(B) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2026, AND EACH DECEMBER 1**
14 **THEREAFTER, THE OFFICE SHALL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN**
15 **ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THIS ARTICLE, AND MAKE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE A**
16 **REPORT FOR THE PRIOR CALENDAR YEAR ON:**

17 (1) THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WHO APPLY TO A JUDICIAL
18 NOMINATING COMMISSION SEEKING APPOINTMENT AS A JUDGE, DISAGGREGATED
19 BY THE JUDICIAL OFFICE SOUGHT, ETHNICITY, GENDER IDENTITY, DISABILITY
20 STATUS, VETERAN STATUS, AND SEXUAL ORIENTATION;

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
31 1, 2026.