

**Senate Bill No. 796**

AN ACT concerning

**Jury Selection and Service**

FOR the purpose of revising substantively and nonsubstantively the laws relating to juries and selection of jurors, including duties and rights as to jury service, selection policies, a ban against discrimination in selection, a ban against recommendations and volunteers for jury service, qualification criteria, disqualifying factors, construction of provisions, inherent authority of judges as to juries and jurors, effect on postconviction relief, authorized and required jury plan rules and provisions, implementation agreements, jury judges, jury commissioners and acting jury commissioners, jury pools, allocation of grand and trial jurors, summonses, screening for disqualification, excusal, or exemption from, and postponement of, service, multiple service, minimum size of jury and array, supplementary questionnaires, challenges in civil and criminal cases, disqualification by trial judge, temporary excusal of sworn jurors, separation or sequestration, grand juries, assignment and compensation of grand jury court reporters, attendees at grand jury proceedings, certain oaths, transcripts, and investigations in a certain jurisdiction, reimbursement with State per diem and local supplement, budget requirements, certificate of jury commissioner, donations, and prohibited acts and penalties as to employment loss, leave policies, failure to return completed juror qualification forms, to appear for jury service, or to complete jury service, material misrepresentations, records, and access and other disclosures of information; providing for certain misdemeanors to be within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the circuit courts; adding a provision referencing rights and duties of employees in connection with jury service; altering the duties of the State Administrator of Elections or a designee with regard to providing voter registration lists to jury commissioners; ~~altering the duties of the Motor Vehicle Administrator or a designee with regard to providing lists of driver's license and identity card holders and providing notice with vehicle registration information; altering application requirements; requiring cooperation in keeping data current;~~ requiring the Military Department to adopt certain regulations as to exemption of a member of the organized militia from State jury service; altering provisions for disclosure of jury lists to the Director of the Health Claims Arbitration Office; repealing provisions relating to jury terms; deleting a defined term; defining certain terms; repealing inconsistent and obsolete laws; ~~renumbering certain provisions relating to admission of records;~~ making certain stylistic changes; authorizing the publisher of the Annotated Code of Maryland to make certain corrections; establishing that certain catchlines, captions, and Committee Notes in this Act are not law; providing for effective dates of this Act; and generally relating to juries and jury service.

BY repealing

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings