

Similarly, subsection (a) of this section is revised to require the presiding officer to have the State seal affixed. Md. Constitution, Art. III, § 30 is ambiguous since the phrase "by the presiding officer" may apply only to presentment or both to affixing the seal and presenting the bill, and Senate Rule 62 and House Rule 62 expressly state that the President and the Speaker affix the seal. However, the revision would encompass practice, under which the Secretary of the Senate or the Chief Clerk of the House affixes the seal.

Also in subsections (a) and (b)(1) of this section, the former references to presentment "for his approval" are deleted, since, under Md. Constitution, Art. II, § 17, the Governor may veto a bill.

Defined terms: "Bill" § 2-1508  
"House" § 2-101 "Senate" § 2-101

2-1510. DESIGNEE FOR PRESENTMENT.

(A) PERMITTED.

THE GOVERNOR MAY DESIGNATE ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL TO RECEIVE BILLS WHILE THE GOVERNOR IS ILL OR NECESSARILY ABSENT FROM THE SEAT OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT.

(B) FORM.

A DESIGNATION UNDER THIS SECTION:

- (1) SHALL BE IN WRITING;
- (2) SHALL BE SENT TO THE PRESIDING OFFICER OF THE SENATE AND THE PRESIDING OFFICER OF THE HOUSE;
- (3) ON RECEIPT BY THOSE OFFICERS, SHALL BE ENTERED IN FULL IN THE SENATE JOURNAL AND THE HOUSE JOURNAL; AND
- (4) IS EFFECTIVE DURING THE PERIOD THAT THE GOVERNOR SPECIFIES.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from the ninth through twelfth clauses of former Art. 41, § 45.

In subsection (a) of this section, the former limitation "during the session of the General Assembly" is deleted since most bills are presented after adjournment of the General Assembly, and, thus, in practice, the designation is used most frequently then.