

**HOUSE BILL 6**  
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

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HB 764/01 - JUD

2002 Regular Session  
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(PRE-FILED)

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By: **Chairman, Judiciary Committee (Maryland Judicial Conference) and  
Delegates Taylor, Arnick, Busch, Conway, Dewberry, Doory, Harrison,  
Hixson, Howard, Hurson, Kopp, McIntosh, Menes, Montague, Owings,  
Rawlings, Rosenberg, and Wood**

Requested: November 15, 2001

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Assigned to: Judiciary

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Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

House action: Adopted

Read second time: February 26, 2002

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CHAPTER 587

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **District Court Commissioners - Powers and Duties**

3 FOR the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to expand  
4 the powers and duties of District Court commissioners to include the issuance of  
5 certain civil interim civil orders for protection peace orders and civil interim  
6 protective orders within the jurisdiction of the District Court under certain  
7 circumstances; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the  
8 State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection.

9 BY proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Maryland  
10 Article IV - Judiciary Department  
11 Section 41G

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
13 MARYLAND, (Three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses  
14 concurring), That it be proposed that the Constitution of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article IV - Judiciary Department**

16 41G.

17 (A) (1) There shall be district court commissioners in the number and with  
18 the qualifications and compensation prescribed by law.