

Article 26 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Courts", sub-title "General Provisions", said new section to follow immediately after Section 4 thereof and to read as follows:

4A. *Procedure In Contempt Cases.*

*If any alleged contempt be a direct contempt, alleged to have been committed in the presence of the court, or so near to the court as to interrupt its proceedings, then the court so adjudging shall sign a formal order to that effect. The record in such case shall consist of such order, of affidavits filed by or on behalf of the party adjudged in contempt, and of affidavits filed by the State's Attorney in support of the action of the court, together with any testimony that such party or the State's Attorney may desire to offer in support of such affidavits and a written statement by the judge or judges passing such order of contempt, of the facts and circumstances under and by reason of which such order was passed. If any such alleged contempt be a constructive contempt, alleged to have been committed not in the presence of the court, or not so near to the court as to interrupt its proceedings, then the court shall issue a citation to the person alleged to be in contempt requiring such person to show cause why an order adjudging such person in contempt should not be passed within a time named therein. If no cause is shown within the time so named, such order shall be final; but if such person shall answer and show cause within the time named, then testimony shall be taken and the matter tried by the court without a jury before a judge or judges other than the judge issuing the citation. If the constructive contempt is committed while all the judges of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City are sitting en banc, or while all the judges of any circuit are sitting en banc, the person alleged to be in contempt shall have the right to have the case removed to another circuit or court for trial. In all such cases, it shall be the duty of the State's Attorney, either personally or by deputy or assistant, to prosecute such contempts as though the same were criminal cases.*

SEC. 16. *And be it further enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That a new Section 20A be and it is hereby added to Article 26 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Courts", sub-title "Judgments", said new section to follow immediately after Section 20 thereof and to read as follows:*

20A. *A judgment of a court of law or equity shall be a lien upon real or leasehold estates as provided by the Maryland Rules.*

SEC. 17. *And be it further enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 531 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "Perjury"; Section 678 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "Jurisdiction"; Section 688 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "Procedure—Indictments—Amendment"; and Section 725 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "Sentence", be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*