

"Pleadings, Practice and Process at Law", sub-title "Continuance", to provide for the continuance of certain court cases in which the attorney of record is a desk officer of either House of the General Assembly.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 24 of Article 75 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Pleadings, Practice and Process at Law", sub-title "Continuance", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

24.

When it shall appear that any attorney of record of any party to any suit or proceeding at law or in equity, including any case or proceeding in a criminal court, before a justice of the peace or magistrate, the United States courts, the Court of Appeals of Maryland, or any administrative board or agency of the State, county, municipality, or federal government is a member of the General Assembly of Maryland or a desk officer of either House of the General Assembly, and that said General Assembly of Maryland shall then be in session, such suit or proceeding shall be continued from time to time until ten days after said General Assembly of Maryland shall have adjourned, unless such attorney shall upon the call of such suit or proceeding for trial waive the benefit of this section. When it shall appear that any attorney of record of any party to any suit or proceeding at law or in equity, including any case or proceeding in a criminal court, before a justice of the peace or magistrate, the United States courts, the Court of Appeals of Maryland, or any administrative board or agency of the State, county, municipality, or federal government, is a member of the Legislative Council of Maryland, or one of its subcommittees, such suit or proceeding shall be continued when the said Legislative Council, or said subcommittee, as the case may be, is holding a meeting, unless such attorney shall upon the call of such suit or proceeding for trial waive the benefit of this provision. Whenever it shall be necessary to file a brief or memorandum of law in any suit or proceeding in law or equity, including any case or proceeding in the Court of Appeals of Maryland, in a criminal court, before a justice of the peace or magistrate, the United States courts, or any administrative board or agency of the State, county, municipality, or federal government, which has been continued under the provisions of this section, then such suit or proceeding shall be continued for a time sufficient to prepare and file such brief or memorandum.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1961.

SEC. 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, THAT THIS ACT IS HEREBY DECLARED TO BE AN EMERGENCY MEASURE AND NECESSARY FOR THE IMMEDIATE PRESERVATION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY, AND HAVING BEEN PASSED BY A YEA AND NAY VOTE SUPPORTED BY THREE-FIFTHS OF THE MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH OF THE TWO HOUSES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE SAME SHALL TAKE EFFECT FROM THE DATE OF ITS PASSAGE.

Approved February 27, 1961.