

CHAPTER 670
(House Bill 387)

AN ACT to repeal Sections 7-70 through 7-78, inclusive, of the Baltimore County Code, 1958 and 1965 Supplement, (being Article 3 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Baltimore County," subtitle "Title 7. Courts, Fines, Forfeitures and Imprisonment," subheading "Article IV. Juries," and to enact new Section 7-70 through 7-78, inclusive, in lieu thereof, to stand in the place of the sections so repealed, to establish a jury commission in Baltimore County, to provide for the manner of selection and drawing of grand and petit juries in the county, to change the number of jurors serving on panels, and to authorize the judges of the Circuit Court to designate a jury judge and an assistant foreman for the grand jury and relating to the selection of jurors in Baltimore County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 7-70 through 7-78, inclusive, (being Article 3 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Baltimore County," subtitle "Title 7. Courts, Fines, Forfeitures and Imprisonment," subheading "Article IV. Juries," be and they are hereby repealed, and to enact new Sections 7-70 through 7-78, inclusive, in lieu thereof, to stand in the place of the sections so repealed, to read as follows:

7-70.

The board of supervisors of elections of the county are hereby authorized and directed to make the list of voters for all precincts of Baltimore County available for inspection by the jury judge or jury commissioner to the end that lists of persons appearing thereon may be made for use in the selection of jurors.

7-71.

The judges of the circuit court for Baltimore County shall designate or appoint one of the members of such court as jury judge and shall appoint some person to be jury commissioner with such assistant or assistants as may be necessary.

7-72.

From time to time, whenever he shall deem it necessary, the jury judge or the jury commissioner or his assistant shall have the power to send written questionnaires, either by mail or by personal service through the office of the sheriff of the county, to such number of persons whose names shall appear upon the list of persons taken from the poll books as is deemed necessary, for the purpose of ascertaining the age, place of residence, citizenship, occupation or employment, condition of health, ability to read and write the English language, whether ever convicted of a crime, prior jury service if any, at what term of court he would prefer to serve, and other pertinent facts with power to require written answers to such questionnaires within such reasonable time as may be directed. Such person may be summoned to appear before the jury judge or the jury commissioner for personal interview for the purpose of determining his fitness and availability for jury service. Any person who shall wilfully fail to answer