

BY adding to

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 467B to be under the new subheading "Recording
or Broadcasting Criminal Trials"
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1980 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

RECORDING OR BROADCASTING CRIMINAL TRIALS

467B.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(1) "EXTENDED COVERAGE" MEANS ANY RECORDING OR BROADCASTING OF PROCEEDINGS BY THE USE OF TELEVISION, RADIO, PHOTOGRAPHIC, OR RECORDING EQUIPMENT.

(2) "LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE" MEANS THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT AND THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE IN THE DISTRICT COURT.

(3) "PROCEEDING" MEANS ANY TRIAL, HEARING, MOTION, ARGUMENT, OR OTHER MATTER HELD IN COURT OR BEFORE THE GRAND JURY.

(B) EXTENDED COVERAGE OF CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS IN THE TRIAL COURTS OF THIS STATE IS PROHIBITED.

(C) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE PROHIBITIONS OF THIS SECTION DO NOT APPLY TO:

(1) THE USE OF ELECTRONIC OR PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT APPROVED BY THE COURT FOR THE PERPETUATION OF A COURT RECORD; AND

(2) INVESTITURE OR CEREMONIAL PROCEEDINGS, IN WHICH THE LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE MAY REGULATE THE PRESENCE AND USE OF CAMERAS, RECORDERS, AND BROADCASTING EQUIPMENT.

(D) IF ANY PERSON VIOLATES THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, THE COURT MAY HOLD THE PERSON IN CONTEMPT OF COURT.

~~(E) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION IS INTENDED TO RESTRICT ANY EXISTING RIGHTS OF THE MEDIA TO REPORT PROCEEDINGS.~~