

Very truly yours,  
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.  
Governor

**Senate Bill No. 610**

AN ACT concerning

**Talbot County - Recall of Former Judge for Temporary Assignment - Eligibility**

FOR the purpose of altering the eligibility requirements for recall of a former judge in Talbot County for temporary assignment; and generally relating to the recall of former judges for temporary assignment.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
Section 1-302  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

1-302.

(a) In this section, "former judge" means a judge who previously served in a court.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals may assign any former judge to sit temporarily in any court if the temporary assignment is approved by the administrative judge of the circuit in which the former judge is to be assigned and if the former judge:

(1) Has served in the aggregate at least 2 years as a judge, except that [in]:

(I) IN Baltimore City and Charles, Prince George's, and Harford counties the former judge shall have served in the aggregate at least 3 years as a judge; AND

(II) IN TALBOT COUNTY, THE FORMER JUDGE SHALL HAVE SERVED IN THE AGGREGATE AT LEAST 1 YEAR AS A JUDGE;

(2) Has been approved for assignment by a majority of the judges of the Court of Appeals;

(3) Meets the standards established by this section as well as any additional standards established by rule of the Court of Appeals; and