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8-206(b)(1), which requires use of MVA lists, and revised CJ § 8-103(a)(2), which requires U. S. citizenship for jury service.

Article 1 - Allegany County

32-1.

[There shall be two (2) annual terms of the Circuit Court for Allegany County held at Cumberland, both of which shall be jury terms. The two (2) terms shall commence on the first Monday in April and the first Monday in October, respectively, in each year, and to each of said terms, juries shall be summoned and returned in the mode and manner prescribed by law; provided, however, that, when any of the above—mentioned days shall fall on a day set apart by the laws of Maryland as a legal holiday, the term of court so falling thereon shall begin on the day next succeeding, and writs and processes and appearances to writs and processes issued out of said Court shall be returnable accordingly.] In the trial of any case in said Court on either the law or equity side thereof, the Judges or Judge presiding shall have the power and authority to employ a stenographer or shorthand reporter to take down the proceedings, including the testimony and opinion of the Court, for the use of the Court, and the County Commissioners shall levy such compensation for the service of said stenographer or shorthand reporters as the Court or Judge thereof shall approve.

COMMITTEE NOTE: Ch.____, Acts of 2006, amended this section to delete the first two sentences, which provided for jury terms, for consistency with revised CJ Title 8.

As the balance of this section related only to employment of a reporter and the necessary county levy, no change was made, although stenography or shorthand do not encompass more recent methods of court reporting and the distinction between law and equity was abrogated in the 1984 revision of the Title 2 rules.

Article 4 - Baltimore City

7–7.

The circuit court for Baltimore City is authorized to appoint a qualified person to serve as Grand Jury Clerk, who shall be on the staff of the Jury Commissioner, serve at the pleasure of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City, and be paid such salary as shall be provided in the budget of the Court.

The Circuit Court for Baltimore City is authorized to employ such official reporters as may be necessary to record the proceedings before the grand jury, and such reporters shall be paid such salaries as shall be provided in the budget of the Court.

[At the request of the grand jury, the reporters, the State's Attorney, or an Assistant State's Attorney may attend the sessions of the grand jury, but shall not be present when the grand jury votes on any presentment or indictment. The Grand Jury Clerk and every such reporter, before entering upon their duties, shall take an oath before the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City that they will keep secret all matters occurring before any grand jury; and any clerk or reporter shall, upon