

defendant may waive the statutory period provided for filing a postconviction petition under certain circumstances; providing that the waiver may be revoked under certain circumstances; altering the time line governing the filing of an initial postconviction petition in a case in which a sentence of death has been imposed; specifying that the revocation of a waiver under this Act shall continue the State postconviction review process for a certain period of time; requiring that the date of a hearing on a certain type of postconviction petition be set within a certain period; ~~requiring that altering the period within which~~ requiring that such a hearing ~~must~~ be held, with certain exceptions within a certain period; ~~within a certain period;~~ requiring the court to issue a decision on such a petition within a certain number of days after the hearing; ~~requiring a party who seeks to obtain automatic removal of a case under a certain constitutional provision to file a certain motion within a certain time period; prohibiting a court from granting a party's request for removal after the time period has expired unless the party seeking removal establishes that the party cannot obtain a fair trial or sentencing proceeding in the jurisdiction in which the case is pending;~~ providing for the application of this Act; ~~making certain provisions of this Act contingent upon the passage of a certain Constitutional Amendment;~~ making certain stylistic changes; defining certain terms; making certain changes to conform to death penalty reform; making the provisions of this Act severable; and generally relating to the death penalty.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments  
 Section 75, 75A, 412, 413(b) and (d), and 645A  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)

BY adding to  
~~Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments  
 Section 412A  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)~~

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
 Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments  
 Section 413(a)  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)

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

**Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments**

75.

(a) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING TERMS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.