

**Article – State Government**

2-1801.

(A) Privileges from testifying for members of the General Assembly are found in § 9-122 of the Courts [and Judicial Proceedings] Article.

(B) PROVISIONS RELATING TO CIVIL IMMUNITY FOR ACTS AND OMISSIONS IN THE PERFORMANCE OF CONSTITUENT SERVICES BY MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ARE FOUND IN § 5-399.8 AND § 5-399.9 OF THE COURTS ARTICLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, if Title 5, Subtitle 3 of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article is restructured by legislation enacted during the 1997 Session of the General Assembly, the publishers of the Annotated Code, in coordination with the Department of Legislative Reference, shall designate an appropriate codification for the provisions of § 5-399.8 and § 5-399.9 of the Courts Article as enacted by this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or application to any cause of action arising before the effective date of this Act.

SECTION ~~2~~ 3, 4 AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1997.

Approved May 22, 1997.

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**CHAPTER 559**

**(Senate Bill 33)**

AN ACT concerning

**Forest Conservation**

FOR the purpose of enacting certain changes to the Forest Conservation Act of 1991; providing for the extension of certain protection measures to certain sites; altering certain requirements and procedures for forest stand delineations; altering the preferred sequence and standards for afforestation and reforestation for certain purposes; repealing a certain deadline on a municipality's assignment of a certain obligation; authorizing the banking of forest resources as a mitigation technique in certain circumstances; altering certain procedures and authorizing certain alternative mitigation measures for certain classes of development; ~~repealing~~ *altering* certain exclusions of certain areas from forest conservation calculations and requirements; authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to recover certain costs in certain circumstances; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations; altering certain periods for repayment of certain funds; authorizing certain local jurisdictions to develop certain additional provisions for forest mitigation banking; defining certain terms; ~~reinstating and extending the term of~~