

FOR the purpose of abrogating the distinction between an accessory before the fact and a principal in a crime under certain circumstances; allowing an accessory before the fact to be charged, tried and convicted, and sentenced as a principal; providing that an accessory before the fact may be charged, tried and convicted, and sentenced for a crime regardless of certain proceedings or dispositions concerning a principal in the crime; allowing an accessory before the fact to be charged, tried and convicted, and sentenced in any county where the act of accessoryship occurred or where a principal in the crime may be charged, tried and convicted, and sentenced; altering certain provisions concerning accessories before the fact; defining certain terms; providing that certain notes contained in this Act are not law; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to accessories before the fact.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments  
 Section 586A and 587  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

BY adding to  
 Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments  
 Section 592A  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 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**

586A.

If any person be feloniously stricken or poisoned in one county, and die of the same stroke or poison in another county within one year thereafter, the offender shall be tried in the court within whose jurisdiction such county lies where the stroke or poison was given; and in like manner an accessory AFTER THE FACT to murder or felony committed shall be tried by the court within whose jurisdiction such person became accessory.

COMMITTEE NOTE (COMMITTEE TO REVISE ARTICLE 27): See § 592A of this article for current provisions concerning accessories before the fact.

587.

If a person be feloniously stricken or poisoned on the waters of the Chesapeake Bay, and not within the body of any county, and within one year thereafter die of the same stroke or poison within any county of this State; or if any person be feloniously stricken or poisoned in any county of this State, and within one year thereafter die of the same stroke or poison on the waters of the Chesapeake Bay, and not within the body of any county, the offender, his aiders, abettors and comforters, or any [person]