

CHAPTER 657
(House Bill 398)

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Procedure - Circuit Courts - Time for Trial

FOR the purpose of establishing in a criminal case in a circuit court that if a certain trial date is changed that any subsequent change of the trial date may only be made by certain judges for good cause shown under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the time for trials of criminal cases in the circuit courts.

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~

~~Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments~~

~~Section 591~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

~~(1996 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)~~

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Article - Criminal Procedure

Section 6-103

Annotated Code of Maryland

(As enacted by Chapter 10 (S.B. 1) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2001)

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

~~**Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**~~

~~591.~~

~~(a) The date for trial of a criminal matter in a circuit court:~~

~~(1) Shall be set within 30 days after the earlier of:~~

~~(i) The appearance of counsel; or~~

~~(ii) The first appearance of the defendant before the circuit court, as provided in the Maryland Rules; and~~

~~(2) May not be later than 180 days after the earlier of those events.~~

~~(b) (1) On motion of a party or on the court's initiative and for good cause shown, a county administrative judge or a designee of that judge may grant a change of the circuit court trial date.~~