

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

Article - Criminal Procedure

5-214.

~~(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN CECIL COUNTY.~~

~~(B) VIDEO CONFERENCING PROCEDURES AND TECHNOLOGY MAY BE USED TO FACILITATE THE PRETRIAL RELEASE PROCESS AFTER NOTWITHSTANDING MARYLAND RULE 4-217(G), AFTER A DEFENDANT HAS APPEARED IN PERSON BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OR JUDGE IN A CASE, THE DEFENDANT MAY POST BOND BY MEANS OF ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION OR HAND DELIVERY OF THE RELEVANT DOCUMENTATION WITHOUT APPEARING BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OR JUDGE, IF AUTHORIZED BY:~~

(1) IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE; AND

(2) IN THE DISTRICT ~~COUNT~~ COURT, THE ~~DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE~~ CHIEF JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT.

~~(C) IMMEDIATELY AFTER A PROCEEDING CONDUCTED THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING, ALL DOCUMENTS THAT ARE NOT A PART OF THE COURT FILE AND THAT WOULD BE A PART OF THE FILE IF THE PROCEEDING HAD BEEN CONDUCTED AT THE COURT SHALL BE ELECTRONICALLY TRANSMITTED OR HAND DELIVERED TO THE APPROPRIATE COURT.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2007.

May 17, 2007

The Honorable Michael E. Busch  
Speaker of the House  
State House  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker: