(h) "Trust company" [means a financial institution organized under the laws of this State or the United States that qualifies as a trust company under 12 U.S.C. § 1841(c)(2)(D)] HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 1-101 OF THIS ARTICLE.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1991.

Approved April 30, 1991.

## **CHAPTER 208**

(House Bill 578)

AN ACT concerning

## Jury Service - Qualifications

FOR the purpose of altering the fine above which a person charged or convicted of a crime is disqualified to serve as a juror.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 8-207

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1989 Replacement Volume and 1990 Supplement)

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

## Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

8-207.

- (a) A person may not be disqualified or excused from jury service except on the basis of information provided by the juror qualification form as it may be supplemented by an interview or other competent evidence. The determination of a prospective juror's qualifications shall be made by the jury judge on his own initiative, or on the recommendation of the clerk or jury commissioner. The clerk shall enter the determination in the space provided on the juror qualification form and on the alphabetical list of names drawn from the master jury wheel. If a person did not appear in response to a summons, that fact shall be noted on the list.
  - (b) A person is qualified to serve as a juror unless he:
- (1) Is not constitutionally qualified to vote in the county where the court convenes;
- (2) Is unable to read, write, or understand the English language with a degree of proficiency sufficient to fill out satisfactorily the juror qualification form;