

SENATE BILL 221

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HB 686/21 – JUD

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CF HB 536

By: **Senator Smith (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference)**

Introduced and read first time: January 23, 2023

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

Senate action: Adopted

Read second time: March 12, 2023

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **~~Court~~ Government Officials – Public Disclosure of Personal Information**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a certain ~~court~~ government official or an immediate family
4 member of the ~~court~~ government official to make a written request to a person who
5 discloses on the Internet or through certain other means of publication certain
6 personal information about the ~~court~~ government official or the immediate family
7 member to remove the information; requiring a person who receives a request under
8 this Act to remove the information within a certain period of time and prohibiting
9 the person from subsequently disclosing certain personal information; requiring that
10 a custodian of records deny the inspection of a part of a public record that contains
11 the home address or telephone number of certain current and former ~~judges and~~
12 ~~prosecutors~~ government officials unless certain permission has been given; and
13 generally relating to the public disclosure of personal information about ~~judges and~~
14 ~~prosecutors~~ government officials and their immediate family members.

15 BY adding to

16 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

17 Section 3–2301 and 3–2302 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 23. ~~Court~~
18 Government Officials – Protected Information”

19 Annotated Code of Maryland

20 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

21 BY adding to

22 Article – General Provisions

23 Section 4–357

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 Annotated Code of Maryland
2 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

5 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

6 **SUBTITLE 23. ~~COURT~~ COURT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS – PROTECTED INFORMATION.**

7 **3-2301.**

8 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
9 INDICATED.

10 (B) “~~COURT~~ COURT GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL” MEANS:

11 (1) THE CURRENT OR A FORMER GOVERNOR OR LIEUTENANT
12 GOVERNOR;

13 (2) A CURRENT OR FORMER STATE OR FEDERAL JUDGE; OR

14 ~~(2)~~ (3) A CURRENT OR FORMER STATE OR FEDERAL PROSECUTOR.

15 (C) “IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER” MEANS A PARENT, SPOUSE, OR CHILD.

16 (D) “PERSONAL INFORMATION” MEANS A HOME ADDRESS OR TELEPHONE
17 NUMBER.

18 **3-2302.**

19 (A) (1) A ~~COURT~~ COURT GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL OR THE IMMEDIATE FAMILY
20 MEMBER OF A ~~COURT~~ COURT GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL WHOSE PERSONAL INFORMATION IS
21 DISCLOSED ON THE INTERNET, OR OTHERWISE MADE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE
22 THROUGH OTHER MEANS OF PUBLICATION OR POSTING, MAY REQUEST IN WRITING
23 THAT THE PERSON WHO MADE THE DISCLOSURE REMOVE THE PERSONAL
24 INFORMATION AND REFRAIN FROM ANY FUTURE DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL
25 INFORMATION ABOUT THE ~~COURT~~ COURT GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL OR AN IMMEDIATE
26 FAMILY MEMBER OF THE ~~COURT~~ COURT GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL.

27 (2) A REQUEST UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MAY BE MADE ON BEHALF
28 OF A MINOR BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF THE MINOR.

29 (B) ON RECEIPT OF A WRITTEN REQUEST UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS
30 SECTION, THE PERSON WHO MADE THE DISCLOSURE:

