

SENATE BILL 827

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By: **Senator Smith**

Introduced and read first time: February 2, 2024

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Courts and Judicial Proceedings – Jury Examination**

3 FOR the purpose of specifying the purpose of jury examination in any State court; and
4 generally relating to juries.

5 BY adding to

6 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

7 Section 8–423

8 Annotated Code of Maryland

9 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

12 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

13 **8–423.**

14 **(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO ALL JURY TRIALS IN ANY STATE COURT.**

15 **(B) THE PURPOSE OF JURY EXAMINATION SHALL BE TO:**

16 **(1) IDENTIFY AND REMOVE PROSPECTIVE JURORS WHO ARE UNABLE**
17 **TO SERVE FAIRLY AND IMPARTIALLY; AND**

18 **(2) ALLOW THE PARTIES TO OBTAIN INFORMATION THAT MAY**
19 **PROVIDE GUIDANCE FOR THE USE OF PEREMPTORY CHALLENGES AND CHALLENGES**
20 **FOR CAUSE.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2024.