COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
Legislative Session 2026, Legislative Day No. 8

Bill No. 34-26

Mr. Mike Ertel, Chair
By Request of County Executive

By the County Council, April 6, 2026

A BILL
ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Appellate Court Name Updates

FOR the purpose of replacing obsolete references to the Court of Appeals of Maryland and the Court of Special Appeals of Maryland with the Supreme Court of Maryland and the Appellate Court of Maryland, respectively; and generally relating to State appellate court names.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments

Sections 3-2-1002(d)(2) and 3-3-1002(a)(2)(ii)
Article 3 – Administration
Baltimore County Code, 2015

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from bill.
Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments

Section 10-2-312(c)
Article 10 – Finance
Title 2 – Purchasing
Subtitle 3 – Contracts, Purchases, and Sales – In General
Baltimore County Code, 2015

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments

Section 13-7-503(k)(2)
Article 13 – Public Health, Safety, and the Environment
Title 7 – Nuisances
Subtitle 5 – Abatement of Public Nuisances
Baltimore County Code, 2015

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments

Section 20-1-108
Article 20 – Metropolitan District
Title 1 – In General
Baltimore County Code, 2015

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments

Sections 32-3-109(e) and 32-7-502(d)
Article 32 – Planning, Zoning, and Subdivision Control
Baltimore County Code, 2015

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations read as follows:

ARTICLE 3 – ADMINISTRATION

Title 2 – The Administrative Services

Subtitle 10 – Office of Law

§ 3-2-1002. Administration and duties.

(d) (2) An appeal may not be taken to the [Court of Appeals] SUPREME COURT of Maryland, the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, or the Supreme Court of the United States without a written order of the County Attorney after the County Attorney has consulted with the County Executive.

Title 3 – Boards, Commissions, Committees, Panels, and Foundations

Subtitle 10 – Ethics Commission

§ 3-3-1002. Membership.

(a) (2) Of the five members of the Commission:

(ii) Two must be lawyers licensed to practice law in the state and in good standing with the [State Court of Appeals.] SUPREME COURT OF MARYLAND.

ARTICLE 10 – FINANCE

Title 2 – Purchasing

Subtitle 3 – Contracts, Purchases, and Sales – In General

Part II – Purchases

§ 10-2-312. Purchase of recycled and recyclable products.

(c) Except for legal documents filed in court or subject to the rules of the [State Court of Appeals,] SUPREME COURT OF MARYLAND, when photocopied, all documents over six pages in length shall be copied on both sides of the page.

ARTICLE 13 – PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Title 7 – Nuisances

Subtitle 5 – Abatement of Public Nuisances

§ 13-7-503. Notice; hearing; enforcement.

(k) (2) A party to a judicial review sought under this subsection may appeal a final judgment to the [Court of Special Appeals] APPELLATE COURT OF MARYLAND in accordance with the Maryland Rules of Procedure.

ARTICLE 20 – METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

Title 1 – In General

§ 20-1-108. Same – arbitration with Baltimore City.

If, in the future, the county should desire to acquire water distribution mains and their appurtenances owned by Baltimore City and serving consumers in the metropolitan district exclusively or, if the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore should seek to acquire additional rights for the construction of sewer or water facilities in any manner affecting the county, the county and the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, in either event, shall negotiate and if unable to agree shall submit the matter to arbitration in the following manner:

In any arbitration proceeding provided for in the preceding paragraph, the county shall appoint one (1) arbitrator and the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall appoint one (1) arbitrator. The two (2) arbitrators so appointed shall select a third, who shall be chairman of the

Board of Arbitration. If the two (2) arbitrators are unable to agree upon the third arbitrator, the chief [judge] JUSTICE of the [Court of Appeals] SUPREME COURT OF MARYLAND shall be requested to designate such third arbitrator, and the written decision of the majority of the Board of Arbitration shall be final and binding upon both parties.

ARTICLE 32 – PLANNING, ZONING, AND SUBDIVISION CONTROL

Title 3 – Zoning

Subtitle 1 – In General

§ 32-3-109. Same - required to file all books and papers delivered.

(e) When the Director of Permits, Approvals, and Inspections transfers a file to the Board of Appeals, a circuit court, or the [State Court of Appeals,] SUPREME COURT OF MARYLAND, the Director is relieved from any duties or responsibilities in connection with the file until the file is returned to the Director.

Title 7 – Historical and Architectural Preservation

Subtitle 5 – Appeals and Enforcement

§ 32-7-502. Appeal from building engineer decision.

(d) Within 30 days after the decision of the circuit court is rendered, any party to the proceeding who is aggrieved by the decision of the circuit court may appeal the decision to the [Court of Special Appeals.] APPELLATE COURT OF MARYLAND.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act, shall take effect 45 days after its enactment.

LEGISLATION DETAIL

LEGISLATION	BILL 34-26
DISPOSITION	PASSED
ENACTED	05/12/26
EFFECTIVE	06/26/26
AMENDMENTS	NO

ROLL CALL - BILL

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