

Public Law 100-487
100th Congress

An Act

To amend title 28, United States Code, to create two divisions in the Judicial District of Maryland.

Oct. 14, 1988
[H.R. 1596]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. CREATION OF TWO DIVISIONS.

Section 100 of title 28, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“§ 100. Maryland

“Maryland constitutes one judicial district comprising two divisions.

“(1) The Northern Division comprises the counties of Allegany, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Caroline, Carroll, Cecil, Dorchester, Frederick, Garrett, Harford, Howard, Kent, Queen Anne’s, Somerset, Talbot, Washington, Wicomico, and Worcester, and the City of Baltimore.

“Court for the Northern Division shall be held at Baltimore, Cumberland, and Denton.

“(2) The Southern Division comprises the counties of Calvert, Charles, Montgomery, Prince George’s, and St. Mary’s.

“Court for the Southern Division shall be held at a suitable site in Montgomery or Prince George’s County not more than five miles from the boundary of Montgomery and Prince George’s Counties.”.

SEC. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

28 USC 100 note.

(a) IN GENERAL.—This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall take effect 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(b) PENDING CASES NOT AFFECTED.—This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall not affect any action commenced before the effective date of this Act and pending in the United States District Court for the District of Maryland on such date.

(c) JURIES NOT AFFECTED.—This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall not affect the composition, or preclude the service, of any grand or petit jury summoned, empaneled, or actually serving in the Judicial District of Maryland on the effective date of this Act.

Approved October 14, 1988.

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