

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF MARYLAND
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
ON NON-SUBSTANTIVE MODIFICATIONS TO JURY PLANS

WHEREAS, § 8-203 of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland (§ 8-203) requires that the Court of Appeals determine whether to approve, within sixty days of filing, changes to jury plans proposed by the circuit courts and filed with the Court; and

WHEREAS, § 8-203 further provides that a proposed change to a jury plan takes effect on the sixty-first day after the plan's filing date, unless the Court sets an earlier effective date; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly, from time to time, recodifies and renumbers statutes without substantive change; and

WHEREAS, The Court of Appeals, from time to time, recodifies and renumbers rules without substantive change; and

WHEREAS, The jury plan of each circuit court should contain accurate and up-to-date citations to pertinent statutes and rules; and

WHEREAS, A clarification of what constitutes modifications of jury plans to conform to non-substantive changes in the citations to pertinent statutes and rules being needed to avoid the unnecessary filing of plans for non-substantive amendments with the Court of Appeals,

NOW, THEREFORE, Pursuant to the authority conferred by Article IV, § 18 of the Maryland Constitution, it is this 26th day of March 2021,

ORDERED, by the Court of Appeals of Maryland, effective March 26, 2021, that, for modifications to a jury plan that would conform the plan's citations to changes in the numbering of statutes and rules without substantive modification of those statutes or rules, such modifications shall be made by the circuit court to extant jury plans within thirty days of the change having taken effect or within thirty days of the effective day of this order, whichever is later; and

ORDERED, Jury plans with such modifications shall include an endnote describing the modifications and the date the plan was updated in accordance with this Administrative Order; and

ORDERED, Copies of the modified jury plans shall be forwarded to the Clerk of the Court of Appeals and the State Court Administrator; and it is further

ORDERED, that the State Court Administrator shall cause amended jury plans to be posted as soon as is practicable on the Judiciary website.

/s/ Mary Ellen Barbera

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/s/ Robert N. McDonald

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/s/ Shirley M. Watts

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/s/ Jonathan Biran

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Date: March 26, 2021

/s/ Suzanne C. Johnson

Suzanne C. Johnson
Clerk of the Court of Appeals

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Suzanne C. Johnson, Clerk