

## Committee on Judiciary

### **HB 353 — Alternative Headquarters for District Court Judges**

by Rep. Maney and others (SB 570 by Senators Burgess and Grall)

The bill permits an eligible district court of appeal judge to designate an alternate official headquarters in a county that is adjacent to his or her county of residence that is within the judicial district. Current law only permits an official headquarters designation within the judge's county of residence.

The bill also establishes limits for travel reimbursements for court business. Although a judge who establishes an official headquarters in a county that is adjacent to his or her county of residence may need to travel further to the district court, the bill does not allow the judge to recover more travel expenses than if the judge established a headquarters in his or her home county.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2024.

*Vote: Senate 40-0; House 117-0*