

[(b)] (C) (1) The court costs in a criminal case in which costs are imposed are -- \$5.00.

(2) The costs shall be in addition to any costs imposed in a criminal case under the Criminal Injuries Compensation Act.

[(c) (1) The filing fees and costs in a civil case are those prescribed by law subject to modification by law, rule, or administrative regulation.

(2) The Court of Appeals may provide by rule for waiver of prepayment of filing fees and other costs in cases of indigency.]

(d) When a person pays court costs or a fine with a check in any motor vehicle, criminal, or civil case in the District Court, and the check is returned to the court by the financial institution on which it is drawn because of insufficient funds in the account, or because the account has been closed or never existed, then the court may impose additional costs of \$10 against the party issuing the check. These costs shall be in addition to any other penalty now prescribed by law.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1981.

May 19, 1981

The Honorable James Clark, Jr.
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 58.

The right of the General Assembly to delegate powers has been recognized in this State for well over a century. Consequently, the General Assembly has delegated a variety of responsibilities and functions to various segments of State government. However, Senate Bill 58 in effect invests two committees of the General Assembly with the law-making function. This bill requires the State Court Administrator to submit schedules of court fees to two committees which can then approve, modify or veto those schedules. The Attorney General has determined that modification of the schedule by the committees is no less than the right to set the fees at any level the committees determine; that procedure is a law-making function reserved to the General Assembly as a whole. The General Assembly derives its