

House Bill No. 299 is a local Baltimore County bill and contains the same language as Senate Bill 613, which I have already signed and which is now Chapter 174 of the Acts of 1965.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

(s) J. MILLARD TAWES,
Governor.

**House Bill No. 306—Anne Arundel and Baltimore Counties—
Juvenile Causes**

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 52 (c), 53, and 55 of Article 26 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1964 Supplement), title "Courts," subtitle "Juvenile Causes;" and to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 75 (e) and (d), 76 (h), and 86 (a) of said Article of the Code, subtitle "Juvenile Causes in Montgomery County;" and to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 92 of said Article of the Code (1957 Edition), subtitle "Minors Without Proper Care or Guardianship;" amending certain laws and parts of laws in this State concerning Juvenile Courts and juvenile causes and the care or guardianship of minors in order to make uniform through CHANGING the State the age of those minors subject to the jurisdiction of Juvenile Courts of this State over minors and adults in certain juvenile cases and causes and to the care or guardianship of minors IN ANNE ARUNDEL AND BALTIMORE COUNTIES.

May 4, 1965.

Honorable Marvin Mandel
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 306, 1965 Session, and I am returning this bill along with my veto message.

This bill amends certain Sections of Article 26 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, changing the age of those minors subject to the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Courts of this State in Anne Arundel and Baltimore counties.

It may well be that the Juvenile Court age limit should be lowered, but I believe the paramount issue to be one of Statewide uniformity. The General Assembly apparently agrees with this principle since it enacted S.J.R. 28, calling upon the Legislative Council to undertake a study of the proper jurisdiction of the Juvenile Courts before setting a Statewide juvenile age. The Legislative Council has been directed to complete its study before the 1966 session of the General Assembly. I believe it the wiser course of action to wait until then before attempting to alter Juvenile Court age limits.