SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 31 of Article 26 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Supplement), title "Courts," subtitle "Circuit Court for the Counties—Court Stenographers," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

31.

No case at law or in equity shall be docketed in the circuit courts for Howard, *Caroline*, Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's and Washington counties until the clerk of the circuit court for the applicable county shall have been paid the initial costs therefor. The initial costs for docketing an equity case shall be fifteen dollars (\$15.00) and for docketing a law case, ten dollars (\$10.00). However, in any such case where the party is indigent and files an oath "in forma pauperis," this section shall not apply.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1965.

Approved April 8, 1965.

## CHAPTER 294

(House Bill 1158)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 38 (a) of Article 66B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Supplement), title "Zoning and Planning," subtitle "Historic Area Zoning," amending the laws concerning historic area zoning in order to make this subtitle effective in Montgomery County.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 38 (a) of Article 66B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Supplement), title "Zoning and Planning," subtitle "Historic Area Zoning," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

38.

(a) The preservation of structures of historic and architectural value is a public purpose in this State. The board of county commissioners or county council of every county in the State in those counties in which this subtitle is effective and the mayor and city council, by whatever name known, of every municipal corporation in this State in those counties in which this subtitle is effective have power by ordinance or resolution to regulate the construction, alteration, repair, moving, and demolition of such structures within their respective limits. Hereafter in this subtitle such counties and municipal corporations are referred to as "county" or "counties" or "municipal corporations" as the case may be. This subtitle is effective only in the counties of Anne Arundel, Carroll, Cecil, Charles, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Kent, Montgomery, Prince George's and St. Mary's.