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Attached is a copy of the Attorney General's opinion which is to be included in my veto message. For reasons stated in this opinion, I feel that I am compelled to veto this measure.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

(s) J. MILLARD TAWES,
Governor.

Which was read and journalized.

April 5, 1965.

The Honorable J. Millard Tawes
Governor of Maryland
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Re: House Bill No. 189

Dear Governor Tawes:

We have examined House Bill 189, as passed by the General Assembly and for the reasons hereafter set forth have concluded that it is unconstitutional.

As originally introduced and as set forth in its title, the bill was designed "to increase the salary of the judges of the People's Court of Prince George's County" from \$12,500 to \$17,000 per year.

During the course of its passage through the General Assembly, the bill was amended to increase the number of full-time judges of the said court from two to three; to designate one of such judges as chief judge; and to provide salaries of \$17,000 for the chief judge and \$16,000 for the two associate judges.

Article III, § 29 of the Constitution of Maryland provides in part that "every Law enacted by the General Assembly shall embrace but one subject, and that shall be described in its title . . ." Although the bill creates an additional judgeship in addition to increasing the salary of the judges of the People's Court of Prince George's County, the new judgeship is not referred to in the title. We, therefore, feel that this bill is in contravention of the cited portion of the Constitution and should not be approved.

Very truly yours,

(s) Thomas B. Finan,
Attorney General.