

May 26, 2006

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
 President of the Senate
 State House
 Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 556 – *State Budget – Funding for Circuit Court Law Clerks*.

This bill repeals a requirement that counties reimburse the Administrative Office of the Courts a specified percentage of the salary and other expenses relating to employing law clerks for circuit court judges.

House Bill 985, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 556.

Very truly yours,
 Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
 Governor

Senate Bill No. 556

AN ACT concerning

State Budget – Funding for ~~Crime Laboratory and for~~ Circuit Court Law Clerks

FOR the purpose of repealing a requirement that ~~certain payments to subdivisions and municipalities related to law enforcement be reduced by a certain amount; repealing certain definitions relating to the calculation of the amount by which a certain payment to subdivisions and municipalities related to law enforcement be reduced; repealing a requirement that~~ counties reimburse the Administrative Office of the Courts a certain percentage of the salary and other expenses relating to employing law clerks for circuit court judges; ~~repealing a requirement that certain payments from counties be placed in a special fund and used to provide funds to employ law clerks for circuit court judges; repealing a requirement that the Comptroller withhold certain amounts from certain county income tax and make certain payments to the Administrative Office of the Courts under certain circumstances; requiring that money in a certain fund on a certain date may only be used to provide funds to employ law clerks for circuit court judges; requiring the Comptroller to withhold a certain tax from a county or Baltimore City if the Administrative Office of the Courts certifies that the county or Baltimore City is in arrears in paying the amounts due under certain provisions of law and to distribute the money to the Administrative Office of the Courts in a certain amount; and generally relating to the funding for the Crime Laboratory for the State Police and funding for circuit court law clerks.~~