County; and provides that the Act does not apply to the salaries or compensation of the incumbent judges of the Orphans' Court for Caroline County.

House Bill 345, 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 602.

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

Senate Bill No. 602

AN ACT concerning

Caroline County - Orphans' Court Judges - Salaries

FOR the purpose of altering the annual salaries of the judges of the Orphans' Court for Caroline County; providing that this Act does not apply to the salaries or compensation of the incumbent judges of the Orphans' Court for Caroline County; and generally relating to the salaries of the judges of the Orphans' Court for Caroline County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Estates and Trusts

Section 2-108(g)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2001 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Estates and Trusts

2-108.

(g) Each of the judges of the Court for Caroline County shall receive an annual salary [of \$4,500] AS DETERMINED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, BUT NOT LESS THAN \$5,000.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, pursuant to Article III, § 35 of the Maryland Constitution, this Act may not be construed to extend or apply to the salary or compensation of the judges of the Orphans' Court for Caroline County in office on the effective date of this Act, but the provisions of this Act concerning the salary or compensation of the judges of the Orphans' Court for Caroline County shall take effect at the beginning of the next following term of office.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2006.

May 26, 2006