

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2005. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and 1 month and, at the end of June 30, 2007, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

May 26, 2005

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 204 – *Judgeships – Circuit Courts and District Court*.

This bill increases the number of circuit court judgeships in Baltimore City and in Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Montgomery, Washington, and Worcester counties. It also increases the number of District Court judgeships in Baltimore City and in Worcester, Calvert, Prince George's, and Anne Arundel counties.

House Bill 236, 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 204.

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

**Senate Bill No. 204**

AN ACT concerning

**Judgeships – Circuit Courts and District Court**

FOR the purpose of altering the number of resident judges of the circuit court in certain judicial circuits; altering the number of associate judges of the District Court in certain districts; specifying the number of District Court judges to be appointed from certain counties; and generally relating to judgeships in the circuit courts and the District Court of Maryland.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
Section 1-503 and 1-603(b)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2002 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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