

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 1454.

This emergency bill would provide that in a civil or criminal case, the contents of any records or papers used by the jury commissioner or clerk in connection with the jury selection process may not be disclosed except to support a motion for failure to comply with the law in selecting the grand or petit jury. In addition, these records may not be reproduced and can only be inspected and copied upon a showing that this is necessary to prepare for a motion that is pending.

Senate Bill 476, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on April 12, 1994, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 1454.

Sincerely,
William Donald Schaefer
Governor

House Bill No. 1454

AN ACT concerning

Jury Selection – Inspection of Records

FOR the purpose of altering the circumstances under which the parties in a case may inspect and copy records or papers used by the jury commissioner or clerk of the court in connection with the jury selection process; repealing the right of a party to reproduce jury selection records or papers; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to confidentiality of juror selection records.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 8-211(a), (b), and (c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1989 Replacement Volume and 1993 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 8-212
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1989 Replacement Volume and 1993 Supplement)

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

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

8-211.