

for under this Act until July 1, 2006, and is not required to pay a share of the cost of acquiring and operating the uniform statewide voting system for voting at polling places until the system is implemented in the county; and

(b) A county that has purchased a voting system for absentee voting within the last 10 years and before December 31, 2000 is not required to implement the uniform statewide system for absentee voting provided for under this Act until July 1, 2006, and is not required to pay a share of the cost of acquiring and operating the uniform statewide system for absentee voting until the system is implemented in the county.

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That fifty percent of any federal funds received for improvements in voting systems and equipment shall be distributed to the State and fifty percent of any federal funds received for improvements in voting systems and equipment shall be distributed, on the basis of a county's voting age population, to the counties that have implemented the uniform statewide voting system provided for under this Act in the fiscal year in which the funds are received.

SECTION ~~2~~ 4 ~~7~~. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~October~~ June 1, 2001.

May 17, 2001

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, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 843 - Estates and Trusts - Orphans' Court - Baltimore City - Pension of Judges.

This bill increases the pensions of associate judges and the Chief Judge of the Baltimore City Orphans' Court. The maximum pension for an associate judge is increased from \$15,000 per year to \$25,000 per year and the maximum pension for the Chief Judge is increased from \$15,250 per year to \$30,000 per year.

House Bill 1357, 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 843.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

Senate Bill No. 843

AN ACT concerning