

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1991.

May 24, 1991

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 656.

This bill would require a court to rule on a petition for guardianship or a petition for adoption within 180 days of the filing of the petition.

House Bill 295, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on April 30, 1991, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 656.

Sincerely,
William Donald Schaefer
Governor

Senate Bill No. 656

AN ACT concerning

Petition for Adoption or Guardianship – Time Limit for Court Action

FOR the purpose of requiring a court to rule on certain petitions for adoption or guardianship where the natural parents' consent is not required within a certain time after the petition is filed; and generally relating to certain petitions for adoption or guardianship.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Family Law

Section 5-317

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1984 Volume and 1990 Supplement)

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