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(a) (1) It is the intent of this section that each register shall receive a fair and adequate compensation for the effort and duties required of the register by the register's office.

(2) The volume and character of work done by the register shall be in comparison to the salary fixed by the Board of Public Works for each of the other registers.

(b) (1) Each register is entitled to receive an annual salary of not less than \$6,000 and not more than ~~[\$64,000]~~ \$75,000, to be determined in each instance by the Board of Public Works.

(2) In determining the annual salary of the register, the Board of Public Works shall be guided in the exercise of its discretion by:

(i) The population of the county determined by the last official United States census;

(ii) The dollar volume of total fees and taxes collected and excess fees turned over to the State for each of the preceding 5 years by the office of the register for which the salary is being fixed; and

(iii) Other pertinent data which have relation to the reasonableness of the salary in relation to the work done and volume handled by the office.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, pursuant to Article III, Section 35 of the Constitution of Maryland, this Act may not be construed to extend or apply to the salary or compensation of the ~~clerk of each circuit court~~ registers of wills in office on the effective date of this Act, but the provisions of this Act concerning the salary or compensation of the ~~clerk of each circuit court~~ registers of wills 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, 1998.

May 21, 1998

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 131.

This bill increases the annual salary limit for the clerks of the Circuit Courts from \$64,000 to \$75,000, beginning with the next term of office.

House Bill 175, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on April