28, 1998, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 131.

Sincerely, Parris N. Glendening Governor

Senate Bill No. 131

AN ACT concerning

Circuit Court Clerks - Salary

FOR the purpose of altering the maximum salary that the Board of Public Works may set for a clerk of the circuit court of a county; and providing that this Act does not apply to the salary or compensation of an incumbent clerk.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 2-504

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1995 Replacement Volume and 1997 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

2-504.

- (a) The clerk of each circuit court shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$10,000 or more than [\$64,000] \$75,000 as set by the Board of Public Works on the basis of the relative volume of business and receipts in his office. In Baltimore City, the clerk's salary may not be less than \$12,000.
- (b) A clerk shall devote his full working time to the duties of his office and is entitled to the salary prescribed in subsection (a).
 - (c) The salary of a clerk is payable biweekly.

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 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 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