May 26, 2006

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, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 768 – *Dorchester County - Orphans' Court - Compensation of Judges*.

This bill alters the compensation for the judges of the Orphans' Court for Dorchester County by an amount to be determined by the County Council of Dorchester County, but not less than \$4,700; alters the expense allowances for the judges of the Orphans' Court for Dorchester County; and provides that the Act does not apply to the salary or compensation of the incumbent judges of the Orphans' Court for Dorchester County.

House Bill 680, 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 768.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. Governor