May 22, 2008

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 58 – *District Court – Commissioners – Jurisdiction*.

This bill authorizes a District Court commissioner to exercise the powers of that office in any county to which the commissioner is assigned by the Chief Judge of the District Court or a designee of the Chief Judge of the District Court. This bill also authorizes the Chief Judge of the District Court or a designee of the Chief Judge of the District Court to assign a commissioner to serve temporarily in any county. Further, the bill repeals specified limitations on an assignment of a District Court commissioner.

House Bill 87, 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 58.

Sincerely,

Governor