

carefully established. Apparently the present law has given rise to no particular difficulty, and it can be very easily made the subject of future legislation.

Under the circumstances, I feel compelled to veto the bill.

SENATE BILL 649.

AN ACT to repeal Sections 586-603, inclusive, of Article 1 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Allegany County", sub-title "Schools", sub-heading "Teachers' Pensions", relating to the payment of pensions to teachers in Allegany County.

Senate Bill 649 relates to the payment of pensions to teachers in Allegany County. It was introduced as a repealer, in a bona fide effort to eliminate from the statute books any unnecessary or obsolete legislative provisions.

However, since the enactment of the measure, it has developed that if Sections 586-603 of the Allegany County local laws are repealed, as would result if Senate Bill 649 were signed, the payment of pensions to certain retired school teachers, not members of the Teachers' Retirement System, would be jeopardized. At the present time, these pensions are being paid from a separate account being handled in conjunction with the Allegany County Teachers' Retirement Fund.

The Senator from Allegany County who introduced the measure requests me to veto it, suggesting that the question can be studied before the next session of the Legislature and adequately handled in a way that will not interfere with the continuation of the present pension payments. Accordingly, I am vetoing Senate Bill 649.

HOUSE BILL 847.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 185 of Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement), title "Revenue and Taxes", sub-title "State Tax Commission", relating to the time to be given by the County Commissioners of Allegany County in reviewing assessments.

This bill amends Section 185 of Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement) and provides that the County Commissioners of Allegany County shall sit to review assessments in the afternoon as well as in the forenoon on the days provided for such reviews, although there is no similar provision for the County Commissioners of any other County in the State.