

May 26, 1970.

Honorable Thomas Hunter Lowe
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17, of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 291.

This bill makes certain technical corrections in a portion of the Maryland Election Code. Most of the corrections are to rectify typographical errors made by the printer of the Code. These errors will be corrected in the reprinting of the Code this year.

One of the typographical errors corrected by House Bill 291 involves Article 33, Section 26-16(a) (7), which requires the inclusion of the address of the authority responsible for publication or distribution of campaign literature. The 1970 Session of the General Assembly enacted Senate Bill 592, which removed the requirement for addresses to be placed on campaign literature. This was an emergency bill, and was signed by me on April 1, 1970. It is my understanding that many candidates have already acted in reliance on the provisions of Senate Bill 592, and have printed campaign literature without the addresses of the authority placed thereon. If I were to sign House Bill 291, this might have the effect of re-enacting the provision which would require addresses on campaign literature, and could create substantial hardships and inequities.

The State Administrator of Election Laws has requested that House Bill 291 be vetoed, and I am attaching a copy of his request to this message, which request is to be considered a part of this message.

For the reasons given in the Administrator's letter and the reasons set forth above, I believe that House Bill 291 must be vetoed.

Sincerely,

/s/ MARVIN MANDEL,
Governor.

Letter from Board of Election Laws on House Bill 291

May 8, 1970.

The Honorable Marvin Mandel
State House
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Governor:

This is to urge you to veto House Bill No. 291, amending the election code laws of the State, to make corrections in the language and references thereof.

The corrections, for the most part, were typographical errors by the printer of the code and will be corrected in the reprinting of the election laws this year.

The amendment to Section 12-2(a) (2) was corrected by House Bill No. 22 which you signed on April 15, 1970, Chapter 103, effective June 1, 1970.