

(2) To fill a vacancy in the county council if the charter of that county provides for special elections; OR

(3) FOR A FREDERICK COUNTY ZONING REFERENDUM UNDER ARTICLE 66B, § 14.06 OF THE CODE.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason in a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or any other application of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and for this purpose the provisions of this Act are declared severable.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 3 of this Act shall take effect on the taking effect of Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ (S.B. 1) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2002. If Section 3 of this Act takes effect, Section 1 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the provisions of Section 5 of this Act, this Act shall take effect June 1, 2002. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 6 months and, at the end of November 30, 2003, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

May 16, 2002

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 235 – Governor's Emergency Powers.

This emergency Administration bill enables the Governor to immediately assume emergency powers in the event of a threat or occurrence of any enemy attack, act of terrorism or public health catastrophe. State and local law enforcement officers and health officers must execute and enforce orders, rules and regulations made by the Governor in response to these emergency situations. The Governor's ability to delegate emergency management powers is expanded. The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene is granted additional authority to take actions to prevent diseases that endanger public health.

House Bill 303, 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 235.

Sincerely,  
Parris N. Glendening  
Governor