

May 29, 1990

The Honorable R. Clayton Mitchell, Jr.
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 371.

This bill requires the taking of the "sense of the voters" of this State in regard to calling a constitutional convention to review the provisions of the Constitution of Maryland.

Senate Bill 293, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 2, 1990, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 371.

Sincerely,
William Donald Schaefer
Governor

House Bill No. 371

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Constitutional Convention – Sense of the Voters

FOR the purpose of taking, at the general election to be held in 1990, the sense of the voters of this State in regard to calling a convention for altering the Constitution or for framing a new one pursuant to Article XIV, Section 2 of the Constitution of Maryland.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That:

(1) At the general election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in the year 1990 there shall be submitted to the legal and qualified voters of this State, for their decision, the question whether there shall be called a convention for the purpose of altering the Constitution of this State or of framing a new Constitution, this question being submitted pursuant to the provisions of Section 2 of Article XIV of the Constitution of Maryland.

(2) There shall be placed upon the ballots or the voting machine labels to be used at that election in the manner prescribed by the General Election Laws of this State the words "For a Constitutional Convention" and "Against a Constitutional Convention," so that the voter may clearly indicate in the manner prescribed in the General Election Laws whether he or she is for or against calling a convention for altering the present Constitution of the State or framing a new one.