

Chapter 36, House Bill 80, among other changes, abolishes the office of City Counselor and provides for the appointment of a City Solicitor.

Chapter 38, House Bill 84, abolishes the offices of Police Commissioner and provides for appointments in the Police and Fire Departments.

Chapter 54, House Bill 81, makes certain changes in the Primary Election Laws for the City of Annapolis, changes the term of office of the Board of Election Supervisors and makes the City Solicitor the legal representative of the said Board.

As there seems to be a diversity of opinion as to the advisability of these changes and since no provision has been made for submitting the changes to the voters, I have vetoed these three bills.

I have also vetoed Chapter 401, House Bill 477, appropriating \$2,500 to the City of Annapolis for certain public services rendered the State, as the effect of this would be to tax state property situated in Annapolis.

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.

Chapter 162, House Bill 346, provides for the appointment and retirement of police officers in Anne Arundel County.

The approval of this bill would have the effect of increasing the county tax rate and as I have also received protests against the bill, I have vetoed it.

BALTIMORE CITY POLICE.

Chapter 167, House Bill 28, limits bidders for contracts to supply uniforms to members of the Police Department to persons or firms residing in Maryland or corporations incorporated under the laws thereof.

I have vetoed this bill as I believe its real result would be the creating of a monopoly.

Chapter 168, House Bill 14, provides for the compulsory retirement of employees of the Police Department who have reached the age of 70 years. Since the Police Commissioner now has the power to retire employees of the Department, I have vetoed the bill as being unnecessary.