

CONSTABLES IN QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY.

(Chapter 465, Senate Bill No. 209)

Under Article 4, Section 42 of the State Constitution, it is made the duty of the County Commissioners of the several counties to appoint the constables for such counties. Senate Bill No. 209 provides that the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County can only appoint constables upon the confirmation of the State's Attorney of the county. The bill, moreover, provides that the constables may be removed by the County Commissioners upon complaint of the State's Attorney, while the Constitution provides that the constables shall be subject to removal only by the judge having criminal jurisdiction in the county, and then only for certain specified causes. The provisions of the bill are, therefore, in direct conflict with the Constitution of the State, so that the bill, if signed, would not be valid.

For these reasons, it will be vetoed.

NON-SUPPORT CASES IN ALLEGANY COUNTY.

(Chapter 347, House Bill No. 542)

This bill, among other things, provides that residents of Allegany County, who are sent to the House of Correction for desertion or non-support may be sent back to Allegany County to work on the roads for certain compensation and under certain conditions. These conditions conflict with the general law on the subject contained in Sections 720 to 726 of Article 27 of the Code, and there do not appear to be any advantages offered by the bill which cannot be secured under the general non-support and desertion laws of the State, contained in Sections 87 to 89 of Article 27 of the Code.

For these reasons the bill will be vetoed.

ACTIONS FOR NEGLIGENCE AGAINST THE
ESTATES OF DECEDENTS.

(Chapter 295, Senate Bill No. 163.)

Under the present law such actions must be brought within six months after the death of the person liable. The purpose of Senate Bill No. 163 was to permit such actions to be com-