

the main purpose of the proposal. From the time the bill was enacted inquiry has failed to disclose the individuals who constitute the Baltimore County Fair Association as no such organization has been known to exist.

I made efforts to have interested parties appear at a public hearing of which I gave notice but no person presented himself to show whether this supposed organization could meet the conditions established for the conduct of agricultural fairs.

The strongest opposition has been registered by the Maryland State Fair Board, the Farm Bureau, the Maryland State Fair and Agricultural Society and other interested groups. It is urgently suggested that the inclusion of another racing association would interfere seriously with the Timonium Fair which has already attained nation-wide prominence as a well-conducted agricultural fair. Furthermore, Timonium for many years has been designated as the official State Fair of Maryland. The law requires that the organization sponsoring the Fair should pay the sum of \$5,000 in premiums for the agricultural exhibitions. In this connection the State Fair Board has annually allocated the sum of \$29,000 to enable Timonium to have the most attractive exhibits and the officials believe that another fair in competition would not be for the best interests of the people of the State.

With such strong opposition and with no one appearing in favor of the bill, I feel that I must disapprove it.

## REGISTER OF WILLS.

### SENATE BILL 424.

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 93 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement), title "Testamentary Law", sub-title "Register of Wills", said new section to be known as Section 287A and to follow immediately after Section 287 of said Article, authorizing the State Comptroller to fix the salary or compensation of employees in the office of Registers of Wills in the several Counties and in Baltimore City.

Senate Bill 424 authorizes the State Comptroller to fix the salary or compensation of employees of offices of Register of Wills throughout the State. Similar provisions already embodied in legislation enacted in recent session were approved by me and therefore I am vetoing Senate Bill 424.