

ARBOR DAY

HOUSE BILL No. 181

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments", to be under a new sub-title "Arbor Day", said new section to be known as Section 57L, and to follow immediately after Section 57K of said Article, providing for the observation of Arbor Day each year.

This Bill would direct the Governor to proclaim the last Friday in April of each year as Arbor Day. Objection to the measure has been made by the Department of Forestry and the Department of Education, which supervise annual observance of Arbor Day in the public schools. Both agencies point out that climatic conditions in Maryland are unfavorable that late in the season to the successful planting of trees. Under existing legislation, the Governor designates a day in April, earlier in the season, as Arbor Day by proclamation. On the basis of the opinion of the Department of Forestry and the Department of Education, I have vetoed House Bill No. 181.

BALTIMORE CITY

SENATE BILL No. 146

AN ACT to repeal Sections 887 to 893, inclusive, of the Baltimore City Charter and Code of Public Local Laws (1938 Edition), title "Baltimore City", sub-title "Appointment and Promotion", as amended by Ch. 713 of the Acts of 1947, and to repeal said sub-title and to enact in lieu thereof a new sub-title to be known as "Personnel Division", and to enact in lieu of the repealed sections five new sections to be known as Sections 887 to 891, inclusive, prescribing the powers and duties of the Chief Personnel Officer of the Personnel Division of the Police Department, as defined in this sub-title, and prescribing methods and standards for the appointments and promotion of certain members of the Police Department of Baltimore City.

This Bill is to repeal the provisions of Chapter 713 of the Acts of 1947 and to enact five new sections to the Baltimore City Charter relating to the Chief Personnel Officer of the Police Department of Baltimore City. Under the Act of 1947, the Personnel Division of the Baltimore Police Department was established under the direction of the Chief Personnel Officer. Examinations of policemen under that Act are con-