

ELECTIONS

SENATE BILL No. 446

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 50 (1) of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Elections", sub-title "Nominations and Primaries", relating to the election of managing bodies and executives and executive committees of political parties.

The purpose of this Bill is to amend the elections laws to provide that members of State Central Committees, party executives and the like shall be selected in accordance with the regularly adopted constitutions of the political parties and that copies of said constitutions shall be filed with the Secretary of State and the Department of Legislative Reference. The present law requires these officers to be elected at primary elections. I have been informed that neither the Democratic party nor the Republican party has a constitution. Therefore, I have concluded to veto this Bill in order that the validity of the acts of the State Central Committees or party executives may not be questioned upon the ground that those officials were not selected in a proper manner. If the political parties desire to provide themselves with constitutions, I believe that no subsequent General Assembly will deny them the privilege of selecting these party officials in the manner set forth in those documents.

ELKTON

HOUSE BILL No. 523

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 185 of Article 8 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Cecil County", sub-title "Elkton", relating to the boundaries of said town and their extension and relating to the taxing of certain agricultural and wooded areas in said town.

This Bill contains a provision very similar to that set forth in House Bill No. 518, although the ordinance under this Bill must be submitted to the qualified voters of the town and of the area to be annexed. For the same reasons for which House Bill No. 518 was vetoed, I have vetoed this Bill.

FENWICK

SENATE BILL No. 511

AN ACT to add 19 new sections to Article 24 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Wor-