

really be applicable to only three counties of the State. Furthermore, it authorizes the county commissioners to apply to the Board of Public Works for funds with which to finance the acquisition of voting machines and, in the event the Board of Public Works approves the application, the Governor is directed to include in the budget the necessary funds for that purpose. Section 85 of Article 33 of the Code as it now stands authorizes, but does not direct, all the counties to use voting machines. The pending Bill revokes that authority and if any of the seventeen counties excepted from its terms desire to use voting machines, it will be necessary for them to seek further legislation to that end. It seems to me that this Bill is unwise, both from the standpoint of depriving seventeen counties of the right to use voting machines and in that it creates moral obligation upon the part of the State to aid the counties in financing the acquisition of voting machines. I have therefore vetoed this Bill.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

SENATE BILL No. 94

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 22 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Washington County", sub-title "Justices of the Peace and Constables", sub-heading "Juvenile Court", to be known as Section 576, giving to the Magistrate for Juvenile cases original jurisdiction to hear, try and determine cases involving desertion or wilful neglect by a husband or father to provide for the support and maintenance of his wife or minor child or children as contemplated by Section 89 of Article 27 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland (1947 Supplement), and to provide for an appeal to the Circuit Court for Washington County.

This Bill is designed to amend the Public Local Laws of Washington County relating to the Magistrate for Juvenile Causes. The Bill as passed confers original and exclusive jurisdiction upon the Magistrate for Juvenile Causes to hear, try and determine cases involving desertion or wilful neglect by a husband or father to provide for the support and maintenance of his wife or minor child or children in accordance with Section 89 of Article 27 of the Code. Section 89 of Article 27 of the Code has been construed by the Court of Appeals to provide for two offenses; namely, desertion of wife or minor children and wilful neglect to provide for the support and maintenance of wife and minor children. Desertion may include the offense of non-support, but non-support may exist without desertion. It could hardly have been intended that the Magis-