

trate for Juvenile Causes was to hear and determine cases involving the desertion or non-support of a wife where no minor children are involved, yet it seems to me that such jurisdiction will exist if this Bill becomes law.

Another feature of this Bill which requires comment is that relating to appeals, which, under its provisions, may be taken at any time prior to the beginning of the next jury term of the Circuit Court for Washington County. It seems to me that this permits the fate of minor children to remain unsettled much longer than is necessary. I have, therefore, vetoed this Bill.

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY DISTRICT

HOUSE BILL No. 496

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 16 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1947 Edition), title "Montgomery County", sub-title "Washington Suburban Sanitary District", said new section to be known as Section 1309A and to follow immediately after Section 1309 of Article 16 and to add the same section to Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1943 Edition), title "Prince George's County", sub-title "Washington Suburban Sanitary District", said section to be known as Section 1444A and to follow immediately after Section 1444 of Article 17, authorizing the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, upon petition, to construct a storm drainage system within, across, adjacent to or immediately abutting public or private property, provided the resident property owners of said property, and voters of the State agree prior to its construction to contribute toward the cost of the construction of said storm drainage system.

The State Roads Commission informs me that this Bill is undesirable and has requested me to veto it. I have concluded to follow its recommendation.

WILLIAMSPORT

HOUSE BILL No. 702

AN ACT to authorize compensation for expenses to the Mayor, Assistant Mayor, and Councilmen of the town of Williamsport, Washington County, during their present term.

This Bill, I think, is a clear violation of Section 35 of Article 3 of the Constitution in that it attempts to compensate certain officers of Williamsport for expenses incurred in the per-