

that the General Assembly shall contract no debt without providing for the collection of taxes for the payment thereof. Inasmuch as House Bill 545 does not provide any means for the raising of the funds which may become payable under the terms of the Bill, it would seem to be invalid.

“Since the Bill does not provide that it shall become effective only when approved by a vote of the people of the State at the next General Election, it does not qualify for the exception to Section 34 allowed for fund raising on behalf of veterans.”

For these reasons, I am returning House Bill 545 without my approval.

Respectfully,

THEODORE R. MCKELDIN,

Governor

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION

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Hon. John C. Luber
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Mr. Speaker:

House Bill 301 deals with the terms of the members of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission. It provides that the Commission shall consist of five members, two to be appointed for two year terms, two for four year terms, and the Chairman, who shall be appointed for a six year term. It is provided that the Governor shall appoint the Chairman and two other members from Prince George's County. The other two members are appointed by the County Council of Montgomery County. The Act does not vest authority in either the County Council or the Governor to designate the tenure of office of the four members.

It is not clear or ascertainable whether the members appointed by the Montgomery County Council would be for two year terms or four year terms. Similarly, it cannot be determined for what period the Governor would be authorized to appoint initially. The Attorney General advises that these defects render the Bill unworkable and invalid.

Since the legality of the appointment of the members of the Commission under House Bill 301, other than the Chairman,