

HIS BUDGET PROGRAM TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN EACH AND EVERY YEAR PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 52 OF ARTICLE 3 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND, THE GOVERNOR SHALL PLACE THEREIN AN ITEM COVERING THE REQUIRED PAYMENTS FOR THE FOLLOWING FISCAL YEAR OF THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST DUE ON THE CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS ISSUED UNDER THIS ACT. SAID FUNDS SHALL BE TAKEN FROM THE GENERAL FUNDS OF THIS STATE AND SHALL BE PAID OVER FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON THE CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS ISSUED UNDER THIS ACT DURING SUCH FISCAL YEAR. NO LEVY OR PARTIAL LEVY SHALL BE MADE OF THE TAXES IMPOSED UNDER THE PRECEDING SECTION OF THIS ACT EXCEPT IN THE EVENT THAT FUNDS ARE NOT PRESENT AND AVAILABLE FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST AS REQUIRED IN THIS SECTION.¹

SEC. § 10. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1953.*

This bill was passed at the 1953 session of the General Assembly and was signed by the Governor on May 6, 1953, becoming Chapter 780 of the Acts of 1953. Utilizing the power contained in Section 17 of Article 2 of the Constitution of Maryland to disapprove any item in a bill making appropriations of money embracing distinct items, the Governor on May 6, 1953, expressly disapproved and vetoed three items in the bill. They were, respectively, an item of \$4,000. for a trailer for the Department of Research and Education, an item of \$250,000. for building a gymnasium and field house at Washington College at Chestertown, and an item of \$250,000 for constructing a men's dormitory at Western Maryland College in Westminster. Under another portion of Section 17 of Article 2 of the Constitution which requires that bills vetoed after adjournment of the Legislature must be returned by the Governor to the next regular or special session of the General Assembly, these three vetoed items were returned at the 1954 session. On February 4, 1954, the Senate sustained the veto on the first item. Items 2 and 3 were repassed over the objections of the Governor in the Senate on February 4, 1954, and in the House of Delegates on February 8, 1954. Under the provisions of the Constitution, these two latter items become effective on June 1, 1954. The entire bill is reprinted in the

¹ This section construed in *McKeldin et al. v. Steedman*, 98 A. 2d 561 (July 2, 1953).