

May 2, 1963.

Honorable Marvin Mandel
Acting Speaker
House of Delegates
State House
Annapolis, Md.

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I am returning to you House Bill No. 728 which was vetoed by me on this date.

House Bill No. 728 is a Prince George's Co. local Bill, relating to the People's Court for the County.

The title of this Bill provides for the appointment of two additional substitute judges to the People's Court; the body of the Bill provides for the appointment of only one additional substitute judge. The office of the Attorney General advised me by letter dated April 26th that this inconsistency between the title and the body of the Bill renders the Bill unconstitutional. Because of this I feel compelled to veto this legislation.

I am attaching a copy of the Attorney General's letter which is to be considered as a portion of this veto message.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

(s) J. MILLARD TAWES,
Governor.

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Letter from State Law Department on House Bill No. 728

April 26, 1963.

Honorable J. Millard Tawes
Governor of Maryland
State House
Annapolis, Maryland

Re: House Bill No. 728

Dear Governor:

We are recommending *a veto* of House Bill No. 728, relating to the People's Court for Prince George's County.

The title to this bill provides for the appointment of *two* substitute judges of the People's Court for Prince George's County while the body of the bill provides for only *one* such substitute judge. We are of the opinion that this conflict and the misleading language of the title are such as to render the bill *clearly unconstitutional* and in violation of Section 29 of Article III of the Constitution of Maryland.

Sincerely,

(s) Thomas B. Finan,
Attorney General.

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