

ately after Section 33 thereof, to provide that no probationer appointed by promotion from another class within the same State agency, department, or board may be rejected on probation unless he is returned to his former position, in which event he shall receive credit for time spent in the promoted class.

May 6, 1966.

Honorable William S. James
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with the provisions of Article 2, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 528.

This Bill would add a new section to the Merit System Law (Article 64A) to provide that no probationer appointed by promotion from another class within a State agency may be rejected unless he is returned to his former position. In my opinion this Bill violates the basic concept of judging an employee on his own merits.

Under the Bill, an employee who is promoted and then rejected on probation would be returned to his former position. If that former position has been subsequently filled by a permanent employee, then the new employee would lose his job. It is also possible that a rejection on probation of a higher level promotional employee could cause a chain reaction and result in several people being demoted back to their original positions through no fault of their own.

It would seem to be most unfair to cause an employee to be either demoted or have his service terminated because some other employee far above him in the organization was unable to perform his duties efficiently. The State Commissioner of Personnel strongly urges that this Bill be vetoed.

For the above enumerated reasons, I feel compelled to veto Senate Bill 528.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

(s) J. MILLARD TAWES,

Governor.

Senate Bill No. 546—Howard County—Zoning

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 21 (d) of Article 66B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Zoning and Planning," subtitle "Planning," subheading "Title 2—Zoning," and to add new Section 21 (k) to said Article, title, subtitle, and subheading of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Supplement) to provide that a zoning decision by the HOWARD COUNTY County Commissioners must be handed down