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## House Bill No. 385—Charges Against Classified Employees

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 33 of Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), title "Merit-System"; eliminating the requirement of consent of the appointing authority or Commissioner of Personnel for the filing of charges by a citizen against a classified employee of the State of Maryland, AND SUBSTITUTING A REQUIREMENT OF PRELIMINARY INFORMAL HEARING BEFORE THE APPOINTING AUTHORITY OR A PERSON DESIGNATED BY SUCH AUTHORITY.

May 6, 1966.

Honorable Marvin Mandel Speaker of the House of Delegates State House Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with the provisions of Article 2, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 385.

This Bill would eliminate the requirement of consent of the appointing authority or personnel commissioner for the filing of charges by a citizen against a classified employee.

I have been advised by the State Commissioner of Personnel that this Bill would permit an enormous number of unjustified charges to be filed. The Commissioner strongly urges that the Bill be vetoed. Both the Commissioner and the legal counsel of the Maryland Classified Employees' Association believe that the present law is quite adequate and that no change is needed at this time.

For the reasons set forth above, I feel compelled to veto House Bill 385.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

(s) J. MILLARD TAWES,

Governor.

## House Bill No. 424—Harford County—Orphans' Court

AN ACT to add new Section 30A to Article 26 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Courts," subtitle "Circuit Courts for the Counties—Court Stenographers," to follow immedidiately after Section 30 thereof to provide for the abolition of the Orphans' Court in Harford County as now constituted and to provide that the Circuit Court for Harford County shall sit from time to time as an Orphans' Court and further to provide for the establishment of rules for the effective transfer of said duties.