

the power to appoint members. Upon the adoption of Charter Government by the County in 1959, the power of appointment was transferred to the Governor of the State, where it has since remained. To again shift the power of appointment at this time would bring into question the very balance and stability of institutions that Charter Government is designed to establish, and would interject partisan politics into a vital and significant governmental agency.

For these reasons, and because of the undesirable and unsettling effect of such action on other counties in the State, I am compelled to veto the bill.

Sincerely yours,

(s) SPIRO T. AGNEW,

Governor.

House Bill No. 176. Baltimore City—Police Department

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 532 of the Charter and Public Local Laws of Baltimore City (1949 Edition, being Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Baltimore City," subtitle "Police Department of Baltimore City," as last amended by Chapter 203 of the Acts of 1966; to provide that the Accident Investigation Division of the Baltimore City Police Department shall furnish copies of reports relating to any accident to all persons other than an agency of the State or any subdivision thereof, upon payment of a fee, and setting the fee to be charged.

May 4, 1967.

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Section 17 of Article II of the Maryland Constitution, I have vetoed today House Bill 176 and am returning it to you.

The bill would amend Section 532 of the Charter and Public Local Laws of Baltimore City, and provides that the Accident Investigation Division of the Baltimore City Police Department shall furnish copies of accident reports to all persons upon request and payment of a fee. The sponsors of the bill have informed me that the objectives to which it is directed will best be achieved by administrative action of the City Police Department and have requested that I veto the measure.

I am thus complying with their request.

Sincerely yours,

(s) SPIRO T. AGNEW,

Governor.