

Letter from State Law Department on H. B. 991

April 21, 1967.

The Honorable Spiro T. Agnew
Governor of Maryland
State House
Annapolis, Maryland
Dear Governor Agnew:

At your request, I have examined House Bill 991, in order to determine whether the Bill meets minimum constitutional requirements as to form and legal sufficiency.

The title to the Bill indicates that the Bill authorizes and directs the County Commissioners of Garrett County to appoint a committee to study the establishment and scope of a proposed merit system for County employees. The body of the Bill creates in Garrett County such a Commission, composed of five persons, two of whom shall be appointed by the County Commissioners, two by the Garrett County Delegation in the House of Delegates and the State Senator representing Garrett County, and one by the Judge of the Circuit Court for Garrett County.

In our opinion, the conflict between the title and the body of the Bill, relative to the manner in which this Commission is to be appointed, cannot be reconciled. Because the title does not correctly state the manner of appointment, and because it is clearly misleading, I am unable to approve this Bill as to form and legal sufficiency. In my opinion, the Bill cannot be said to meet minimum constitutional requirements.

Sincerely yours,

(s) FRANCIS B. BURCH,

Attorney General.

House Bill No. 1017 Charles County—Courthouse

AN ACT to authorize and empower the County Commissioners of Charles County to borrow upon the faith and credit of said County an amount not exceeding One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000), and to issue bonds therefor, for the cost of court house repairs, alterations and/or additions and providing for the levy of taxes in Charles County for the payment of principal and interest on such bonds.

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 1017 and am returning it to you.