

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. 991—By Delegate Aiken.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 3 (f) of Article 25 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume), title "County Commissioners," subtitle "General Provisions," ~~to provide that the County Commissioners of Garrett County, pursuant to the express powers contained in this section, shall take immediate steps to establish and implement a merit system covering the appointment of all county officials and employees of Garrett County, who are not elected or appointed under the Constitution or public general laws of this State~~ TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GARRETT COUNTY TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE ESTABLISHMENT AND SCOPE OF A PROPOSED MERIT SYSTEM FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF GARRETT COUNTY AND TO REQUIRE A REPORT OF SUCH STUDY TO BE MADE.

Shall the bill pass notwithstanding the objections of the Executive?

The roll was called resulting as follows:

**Affirmative**

Delegate—Hess

Total—1

**Negative**

Delegates—

Mr. Speaker, Briscoe, Fowler, Boyer, Athey, Lipin, Thomason, Burkhead, Connell, Allen, Anderson, Fornos, Benner, Compton, Nimmerrichter, Arata, Coolahan, Malone, Alpert, Jacobson, Rynd, Hopkins, Nice, Deitrich, Hinkel, Jensen, Hutchinson, Jones, Kardash, Schirano, Einschut, Evans, Rush, Arnick, D'Anna, Minnick, Lowe, Dize, Matthews (R. M.), Burkheimer, Mackie, Dorman, Menes, Mothershead, Banning, Goodman, Hull, King, Santangelo, Weile, Aragona, Donovan, Giordano, McDonough, Rummage, Hickman (C .M.), Hickman (R.), Houck, Remsberg, Virts, Greer, Osborne, Scarff, Hargreaves, Bonvegna, Bullock, Dypski, Krysiak, Silk, Walters, Adams (F. B.), Antonelli, Cassady, Holub, McCarty, Sarbanes, Burns, Curran, Hergenroeder, Kent, Kircher, McQuade, Mooney, O'Brien, Abramson, Adams (V. Q.), Brailey, Dixon, Douglass, Epstein, Lee, Cardin, Friedman, Resnick, Spector, Waxter, Avara, Freeberger, Murphy, Rutkowski, Weisengoff, Wyatt, Donaldson, Grumbacher, Wright, Clarke, Cronin, Lady, Scott, Whalen, Whitney, Becker, Bell, Blondes, Cook (E. P.), Crawford, Docter, Zander, Aitken, Wiser, Beall, Cook (N. S.), Evans, Reed, Matthews (R. C.), Yingling, Burgess, Warfield, Long, White, Aiken.

Total—131

The Speaker announced the veto was sustained.