

Senate Bill 527. Therefore, it is unnecessary for me to sign Senate Bill 527.

Sincerely,

/s/ MARVIN MANDEL,
Governor.

Senate Bill No. 576—Vacancies in Office of Representative in Congress

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 22-1 (b) (5) of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as last amended by Chapter 2 of the Acts of 1971, title "Election Code," subtitle "House of Representatives," providing for elections to fill vacancies in the office of Representative in Congress and generally relating thereto.

May 28, 1971.

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17, of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 576.

This bill amends the Election Code relating to the filling of vacancies in the office of Representative in Congress.

The Attorney General, while not disapproving the bill for constitutionality, has advised me that the bill is "incomplete and that a carrying out of its principles could result in severe voter confusion and administrative chaos." A copy of the Attorney General's opinion is attached herewith and is to be considered a part of this message.

In light of the foregoing, I have decided to veto Senate Bill 576.

Sincerely,

/s/ MARVIN MANDEL,
Governor.

Letter from State Law Department on Senate Bill No. 576

May 26, 1971.

The Honorable Marvin Mandel
Governor of Maryland
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Re: Senate Bill 576

Dear Governor Mandel:

We have already approved, on April 30, the above-captioned bill for constitutionality. The bill would add some additional language to a section of Chapter 2 of the Laws of Maryland of 1971 (Senate Bill