

This bill requires the State to reimburse the subdivisions for the full cost of principal and interest payments accruing on school construction debt incurred after June 30, 1967, to finance construction contracts let prior to July 1, 1967.

Prior to the beginning of the 1972 Session of the General Assembly, I supported the concept of the State sharing in this debt service in an amount equal to 80% of the per pupil housed cost up to \$1,500 per pupil housed. The budget for fiscal year 1972 provided \$1,100,000 and the budget for fiscal year 1973 provided \$2,000,000 to fund that expense. Repeated warnings were given that no additional funds were available for this purpose.

The mandated expense under House Bill 1077, however, would be \$4,020,000 for fiscal year 1972 and \$3,957,000 for fiscal year 1973, or a total of \$7,977,000 for the two years. As noted, the budgets provide only \$3,100,000 leaving a deficit of \$4,877,000 for which no budgeted funds are available.

For these fiscal reasons, I am required to veto House Bill 1077.

Sincerely,

/s/ MARVIN MANDEL,
Governor.

House Bill No. 1151—Subdivision Control in Garrett County

AN ACT to add new Section 5.03.1 to Article 66B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume and 1971 Supplement), title "Zoning and Planning," subtitle "Subdivision Control," to follow immediately after Section 5.03 thereof, to provide that in Garrett County, any plan for subdivision control enacted by the County Commissioners shall be subject to referendum by the registered voters of that county upon proper petitions filed as provided in Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

May 31, 1972.

Honorable Thomas Hunter Lowe
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17, of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 1151.

This bill, which is to be in effect only until January 1, 1973, provides that any plan for subdivision control enacted by the County Commissioners of Garrett County after January 1, 1972, shall be subject to referendum in accordance with Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

Section 1 of Article XVI of the Maryland Constitution establishes the right of the people, on referendum, to approve or reject "any Act, or part of any Act of the General Assembly, if approved by the Governor, or, if passed by the General Assembly over the veto of the Governor." Section 2 authorizes the General Assembly to enact legislation "in furtherance" but "not in conflict" with