

that I point out in this letter. It is also possible, however, that expungement will prove to have great appeal and that thousands of expungement petitions will be submitted to the courts. Because we have no way of estimating the number of expungement petitions we might receive in any given year, we were unable to give a detailed reply to the request for a fiscal note when asked by the Director of Fiscal Research. In our letter to him dated December 21, 1973, we advised that we could not supply an estimate of increased monetary or clerical needs. We did point out, however, that our present staff was operating at the limit of its capacity and we did not see how these additional duties could be placed upon them. No additional funds or positions were placed in our budget in anticipation of the passage of this measure. In fact, the Legislature cut \$200,000.00 from the wages and salaries portion of our budget, eliminating any ability we might have had to hire temporary employees to handle the expungement process.

The administrative judges of the District Court have expressed to me their own apprehensions about our inability to comply with the legislative mandate, if this bill is signed into law, and the failure of our judges or employees to comply with the provisions of the bill could render them guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000.00, or by imprisonment not to exceed one year.

In view of all the foregoing, I feel it my duty to respectfully to ask that you consider a veto of this bill in its present form. If you were to follow that course, I would be most willing to work with any interested group of legislators or other persons in drafting an expungement bill which would truly serve the needs of persons unjustly arrested and yet which would not present the same problems that I see existing in House Bill 122.

Thank you for your consideration of my views on this matter.

Sincerely,  
/s/ Robert F. Sweeney

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House Bill No. 126 - Retail Sales Tax Exemptions

AN ACT concerning

Retail Sales Tax - Exemption

FOR the purpose of providing for an exemption from the