

has constantly before all of the data relating to assessments, assessable wealth, and tax rates throughout the State, and may readily apply that information and his own expertise to a determination of the inflation allowance. It would, I believe, be impossible for the General Assembly, especially in a special session, to have before it that kind of detailed information and administrative expertise.

For these reasons, I have decided to veto House Bill 578.

Sincerely,
/s/ Marvin Mandel
Governor

House Bill No. 603 - Fair Election Practices

AN ACT concerning

Election Code - Fair Election Practices

FOR the purpose of relating generally to the length of time that books, records, reports, statements, and accounts relating to campaign contributions and expenditures of candidates for political office are required to be kept by treasurers, subtreasurers, election boards and officers, and clarifying the language.

May 31, 1974.

Honorable John Hanson Briscoe
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 603.

This bill amends certain provisions of the election laws relating to records kept by treasurers, subtreasurers, and election board officials.

Senate Bill 456, which was enacted by the General Assembly as an emergency bill and was signed by me on April 30, 1974, accomplished the essential purposes of House Bill 603, but was a far more comprehensive measure. I have been advised by the Attorney General and by the