

State Administrator of Election Laws that the two bills are inconsistent in many respects, and that House Bill 603, if signed, would create problems of statutory interpretation and unnecessary burdens on the various State and local election boards, as well as to treasurers for candidates and committees. A copy of their letters are attached and should be considered a part of this veto message.

For the reasons set forth by the Attorney General and the State Administrator of Election Laws, I have decided to veto House Bill 603.

Sincerely,
/s/ Marvin Mandel
Governor

Letter from Administrator of Election Laws on
House Bill 603

May 14, 1974.

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

RE: HOUSE BILL 603

Dear Governor Mandel:

I recommend that H.B. 603 be vetoed for the following reasons:

1. This bill poses a problem of conflict with Senate Bill 456, Chapter 341, an Emergency Departmental bill, which took effect April 30, 1974.
2. House Bill 603 amends Sections 26-7(a) and 26-14 of Article 33.
3. In Section 26-7(a) of H.B. 603 treasurers are required to keep candidates campaign financing records and books for 1 year beyond the length of the term of the public or party office for which every candidate has offered himself for nomination and election. This would mean retention of records for 3 to 16 years. I feel that this provision is burdensome to the treasurer and that candidates might find it impossible to get campaign treasurers who would agree to being obligated for such a period.