

House Bill No. 1117 - Secretary of State's
Appointments List

AN ACT concerning

Secretary of State - Compilation of [[Appointments List]]
Lists

FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of State to compile annually [[a public list]] certain lists of certain gubernatorial [[appointments to contain certain specified information,]] appointees; specifying certain information to be contained in the lists; lettering the section; and generally relating to the duties of the Secretary of State with respect to [[this list]] these lists.

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 1117.

This bill requires the Secretary of State to compile each January (a) a list of certain civil officers appointed by the Governor and (b) a list of such officers whose terms expire within the twelve months following. These lists are made a matter of public record and available to any person upon request.

Presently, the very information required to be compiled by House Bill 1117, with the exception of salaries, is available in the Maryland Manual, a publication issued by the Secretary of State every two years and distributed without charge to public libraries, agencies of State and county government, all school libraries, members of the General Assembly, and others as prescribed in Article 41, Sections 104-106 of the Annotated Code of Maryland. The salaries of these officers are contained in the Annual State Budget, which is also available to the General Assembly, government agencies, libraries, and, upon request, to the public at large.

House Bill 1117 would thus provide no information not already available to the public, and its effect would be merely to place an unnecessary burden on the Secretary of State, possibly entailing additional staff and its concomitant expense. The Secretary of State is already