

the bill provided for a Chief Judge from each of the two principal parties, I would have no objection to it. However, given the inexact nature of the very broad authority granted to these Chief Judges, I am most concerned about one political party obtaining such potential power in every precinct throughout the City with respect to the conduct of elections. Unless the actual powers, duties, and authority of these officials is made crystal clear, the opportunity for contention and dispute at the polls is enormously enhanced and the fairness and impartiality of the election process may well be endangered.

For these reasons, I have vetoed House Bill 851.

Sincerely,  
/s/ Marvin Mandel  
Governor

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House Bill No. 854 - Tax on Wagers at Timonium Track

AN ACT concerning

Timonium Race Track - State Tax on Monies Wagered

FOR the purpose of providing that beginning with calendar year ~~[[1975]]~~ 1976 and for ~~[[seven]]~~ three consecutive calendar years thereafter, the Timonium Race Track (the Maryland State Fair and Agriculture Society, Inc.) shall not pay the annual State tax on all monies wagered during each year of this period; providing that the monies retained by the track as a result of this Act shall be used for capital improvements approved by the Racing Commission; and relating generally to the State's share of monies wagered at all races conducted each year at the Timonium Race Track.

May 15, 1975.

Honorable John Hanson Briscoe  
Speaker of the House of Delegates  
State House  
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Mr. Speaker:

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