

I feel that the wiser course of action in this case is to refuse to compound this maze. At the 1977 session, the General Assembly and the State Administrator of Election Laws will perhaps be able to unravel these inconsistencies, so that the Code will properly set forth the school board district boundaries in the county. The sponsor has advised me that he has no objection to a veto in this instance.

For these reasons, I have decided to veto Senate Bill 863.

Sincerely,
Marvin Mandel
Governor

Letter from State Law Department on
Senate Bill No. 863

April 26, 1976

Honorable Marvin Mandel
Governor
State of Maryland
Annapolis, Maryland

Re: Senate Bill 863

Dear Governor Mandel:

While Senate Bill 863, altering the boundaries of the School Board Election Districts of Prince George's County, is hereby approved for constitutionality, we should point out that both the existing law amended by the Bill and the Bill itself contain several errors which may generate some confusion as to the precise configuration of some of the school board district boundaries.

Directing your attention to Article 77, Section 36C(a)(ii) and (iii), you will note that both paragraphs (ii) and (iii) contain an elaborate description of an area by reference to street lines and other boundary reference points. The area described in both paragraphs is the same, with the area in question purportedly included in School Board District II as a consequence of paragraph (ii) and excluded from School Board District III (under the present law) as a consequence of paragraph (iii).* Despite the implication of paragraph (iii) that the specially described area consists entirely of a portion of Election District 17, we are advised that in fact the area in question includes parts of both Election District 16 and 17 as well as a small part of precinct 8 of Election District 2. Since Senate Bill 863 provides