

of success, a community-based group home must be tolerated, if not accepted, by the community; and, while the Senate Bill provides a rational method for achieving that tolerance or acceptance, the House Bill does not.

In addition, the Attorney General has concluded that the exemption of Washington County from the provisions of House Bill 1955 may well be unconstitutional under both Article XI-E of the Maryland Constitution and the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution.

For these reasons, I have asked the Lieutenant Governor, in his capacity as Acting Governor for the purpose of signing bills, to sign Senate Bill 1087, and I have accordingly vetoed House Bill 1955.

Sincerely,  
Marvin Mandel  
Governcr

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House Bill No. 1987 - Dorchester County - Election Laws  
AN ACT concerning

Dorchester County - Election Laws

FCR the purpose of repealing and amending certain provisions relating to the election laws in Dorchester County that are obsolete or conflict with the provisions of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

May 26, 1977

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 1987.

This bill amends certain election laws that are obsolete or conflict with Article 33 of the Annotated Code.