

Sincerely,
Harry Hughes
Governor

Senate Bill No. 569

AN ACT concerning

Polling Places - Political Advertising

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the wearing or display of certain political advertising in polling places; and clarifying language.

May 29, 1979

Honorable James Clark, Jr.
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 569.

This bill makes it a criminal offense to wear or display in or near polling places any clothing, badge, pin, or device which supports or opposes a political candidate or issue.

The Attorney General has advised me that the prohibition set forth in the bill is an unconstitutional violation of the free speech guarantee of the United States and the State Constitutions. A copy of the Opinion of the Attorney General is attached and should be considered a part of this veto message.

For this reason I have decided to veto Senate Bill 569.

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