

- 1/ While acknowledging that Senate Bill 296 presented a significant constitutional question of first impression, Attorney General Burch expressed the view that Senate Bill 296 was not clearly unconstitutional. Attorney General Sachs has approved this measure for the reasons stated by his predecessor.
- 2/ Some have suggested that the presentments clause objection to legislative veto statutes are mooted by a chief executive's approval of the legislation. See 63 Opinion of the Attorney General - (May 26, 1978).

Senate Bill No. 1037

AN ACT concerning

The Board of Public Works - Leases
Subject to Board Approval

FOR the purpose of providing that the requirement that the Secretary of the Department of General Services shall submit all proposals for leases for office or building space rental to the Board of Public Works for final approval shall not apply if Board of Public Works regulations provide otherwise; providing that the Board of Public Works may adopt regulations, subject to approval by the General Assembly or by a certain committee, by which State departments, boards, commissions, or other agencies may enter into land, building, or facility space leases or lease renewals prior to or without Board of Public Works approval under certain conditions specified in the Act; 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 1037.

This bill authorizes the Board of Public Works to adopt regulations, with the approval of the General Assembly (or, during the interim, the Policy Committee), permitting agencies to enter certain leases prior to or without Board approval. Senate Bill 1037 is similar to Senate Bill 278 of 1978.