

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and
Administrative Departments

231G-1.

(a) The Secretary of the Department of General Services shall accept proposals for leases for office or building space rental. The Secretary shall submit all the proposals, along with his recommendations, to the Board of Public Works for the Board's final approval, unless Board of Public Works regulations provide otherwise.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1981.

May 19, 1981

The 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, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 953.

Senate Bills 1036 and 1037, enacted during the 1979 Session, authorized the Board of Public Works to adopt, subject to the approval of the Joint Standing Committee on Administrative, Executive and Legislative Review, regulations by which State agencies may enter into capital project related contracts and change orders. I vetoed those two bills because of my strong policy objections to the use of such legislative veto mechanisms, and I indicated that the constitutional issues presented by those bills should be resolved in the courts. The General Assembly overrode my vetoes at the beginning of its 1980 Session.

Senate Bill 953 was introduced because of a concern that certain provisions of Senate Bills 1036 and 1037 were implicitly repealed by another bill enacted later in the 1980 Session. The resolution of the constitutional issues by the courts would not be impeded by a veto of Senate Bill 953, however.

In order to continue to preserve my strong policy objections to legislative vetoes, and to insure that the courts are presented with a constitutional question which is not tainted by an apparent gubernatorial approval, and to be consistent with my veto of Senate Bill 58, I have vetoed Senate Bill 953.