

EXCLUSIVE OR NONEXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE(S) FOR COMMUNITY ANTENNA SYSTEM(S) OR OTHER CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEM(S) THAT UTILIZES ANY PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY, HIGHWAY, STREET, ROAD, LANE, ALLEY, OR BRIDGE, TO IMPOSE FRANCHISE FEES, AND TO ESTABLISH RATES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS FOR FRANCHISE(S) GRANTED; and to provide for the leasing as lessor to the State or any political subdivision or other agency thereof, or to any county agency, or to any person, any property belonging to the county or any agency thereof, in furtherance of the public purposes of such county or agency, upon such terms and compensation as said county may deem proper, and after such disposition, grant or lease shall have been advertised once a week for three successive weeks in one or more newspapers of general circulation published in said county, stating the terms thereof and the compensation to be received therefor, and giving opportunity for objections thereto. Provided, however, that easements for public utilities may be granted without advertisement.

SECTION 3- 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1982.

June 1, 1982

The Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin
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 1280.

This bill grants specific authority for the governing bodies of all counties, incorporated municipalities, and Baltimore City to franchise cable television systems, including authority for exclusive franchising.

Senate Bill 872, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on June 1, 1982, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 1280.

Sincerely,
Harry Hughes
Governor
