

altering the process for selection of delegates to national party conventions by providing for direct election as the only method of district delegate selection. Though the bills are consistent in purpose they are inconsistent in the manner in which they accomplish this purpose which would lead to difficulties in codification if both were signed into law.

Because of the difficulties which would ensue if both bills were signed, I have decided to veto House Bill 1278.

Sincerely,
Harry Hughes
Governor

House Bill No. 1278

AN ACT concerning

Election Code -
Selection of Delegates to National Conventions

FOR the purpose of revising provisions for the selection of delegates to national political party conventions for the nomination of presidential candidates; deleting a requirement that each political party report the total number of delegates and alternate delegates to the State Election Board no later than a certain date; deleting a requirement that certain delegates to the Democratic National Convention be bound to support certain candidates; providing that a candidate for delegate may not be charged a filing fee; and generally relating to delegate selection procedures for national conventions of political parties.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 33 - Election Code
Section 12-1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1982 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 33 - Election Code

12-1.

(a) [The total number of delegates and alternate delegates to represent the respective political parties at their respective national conventions shall be ascertained and determined by the governing body of each party and certified to the State Administrative Board of Election Laws not later than the first