

HARRY HUGHES, Governor

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several properties in the same county may include and join in one proceeding ~~any~~ number of the said certificates. HOWEVER, IF MORE THAN ONE PROPERTY OWNER IS INVOLVED, A MAXIMUM OF 10 CERTIFICATES MAY BE JOINED IN ONE PROCEEDING. The bill of complaint filed in any such proceeding ~~CONTAINING NOT MORE THAN 10 CERTIFICATES~~ shall not be subject to objection on the ground of multifariousness.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1984.

May 29, 1984

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 952.

House Bill 952 and Senate Bill 857 are identical bills which establish a State Donations Oversight Committee, of which 6 members would be legislators, to certify, in accordance with certain criteria, State projects for which private donations may be solicited in the State income tax information booklet.

The Attorney General has determined in the attached letter that the certification of State projects for which private donations may be solicited is the implementation of policy and is thus an exercise of an essential executive function which may not be usurped by a committee the composition of which includes members of the legislature. Exercising such a function by the Committee violates the separation of powers clause and therefore the bill is unconstitutional.

For that reason I have decided to veto House Bill 952 and Senate Bill 857.

Sincerely,
Harry Hughes
Governor

May 24, 1984

The Honorable Harry Hughes