

County and currently paid to the Prince George's County Committee of the Maryland Historical Trust would be paid instead to Prince George's Heritage, Inc. Prince George's Heritage, Inc. is a private nonprofit corporation that has been approved by the Maryland Historical Trust in accordance with the Attorney General's advice that County Committees should establish nonprofit corporations to receive funds. During the final week of the Session, Senate Bill 919 was amended to require that the portion of the marriage ceremony fee imposed in Cecil County that is currently paid to the Cecil County Committee of the Maryland Historical Trust be paid instead to Cecil Historical Trust, Inc. The amendment would also require all funds collected by the Cecil County Committee prior to July 1, 1986 to be transferred to Cecil Historical Trust, Inc.

The Attorney General's Office has advised me that Senate Bill 919, as amended, is inconsistent with House Bill 1043 that was signed into law on April 8, 1986. House Bill 1043 was supported by the Cecil County Delegation to the General Assembly and would continue the current requirement that a portion of the marriage ceremony fee imposed in Cecil County be paid to the Cecil County Committee of the Maryland Historical Trust. If Senate Bill 919 were signed into law, that payment would shift from the county committee to Cecil Historical Trust, Inc.

The Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Historical Trust has requested a veto of Senate Bill 919 because the Cecil Historical Trust, Inc. has not been approved by the Maryland Historical Trust as a nonprofit corporation to receive County Committee funds. In addition, it is not necessary to establish an independent nonprofit corporation in Cecil County this year. The deadline for County Committees to establish nonprofit corporations is July 1, 1987 which allows time during the 1987 Session to consider any necessary additional legislation.

The sponsor of Senate Bill 919 does not object to my veto of this legislation because the companion House Bill 1682, which I have signed today, accomplishes the same purpose as Senate Bill 919 with respect to Prince George's County, but does not contain the amendment that would shift funds in Cecil County.

Therefore, for the above reasons, I have decided to veto Senate Bill 919.

Sincerely,  
Harry Hughes  
Governor

Senate Bill No. 919

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