

WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, Governor

select the individual whose qualifications will most closely meet the needs of a particular jurisdiction and the State as a whole. Furthermore, the requirement for multiple nominations ensures the broadest opportunity for public participation in seeking appointed office.

While I recognize that a few local jurisdictions have been unable to persuade at least 3 individuals to allow their names to be nominated for Board service, the majority of the counties appear to have no problem in complying with the current law. In addition, my Appointments Secretary has consistently cooperated with jurisdictions that have had recruitment difficulties, provided that a "good faith" effort was made to comply with the law.

Since I believe that the current procedure works well and preserves my ability and discretion to appoint the individual whom I deem most qualified, I have vetoed Senate Bill 497.

Sincerely,
William Donald Schaefer
Governor

Senate Bill No. 497

AN ACT concerning

Property Tax Assessment Appeal Board
Members - Appointment

FOR the purpose of repealing a requirement that a list of names of potential property tax assessment appeal board members submitted by a local jurisdiction to the Governor contain a certain number of names.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Tax - Property
Section 3-103(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1986 Volume and 1988 Supplement)

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

Article - Tax - Property

3-103.