(III) NOTWITHSTANDING § 4-201 OF THE STATE PERSONNEL AND PENSIONS ARTICLE, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE STATE ADMINISTRATOR, THE STATE BOARD SHALL DETERMINE THE FIXED RATE OF COMPENSATION OF THE EMPLOYEES.

- (d) Each classified employee shall be a registered voter of the State.
- (e) An employee of a local board is subject to the restrictions and requirements of § 2–301 of this article.
- (f) The elections administrator in Prince George's County shall be in the exempt service under the Prince George's County Personnel System.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October <u>July</u> 1, 2000.

May 18, 2000

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr. President of the Senate State House Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 653 – Institutions of Higher Education – Students – Vaccination for Meningococcal Disease.

This bill requires an individual enrolled in an institution of higher education and who resides in on—campus student housing be vaccinated against meningococcal disease. An individual is exempt from the vaccination requirement if the individual, or the individual's parent or guardian, in the case of a minor, signs a waiver after having been provided with detailed information about the disease and the vaccine by the institution.

House Bill 227, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me today, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 653.

Sincerely, Parris N. Glendening Governor

## Senate Bill No. 653

AN ACT concerning

Institutions of Higher Education – Students – Vaccination for Meningococcal Disease

FOR the purpose of requiring certain students enrolled in institutions of higher