

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2001.

May 17, 2001

The Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr.
Speaker of the House
State House
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 1069 – Electric Cooperatives – Services and Governance.

The bill repeals and reenacts certain sections of Chapter 179 of the Acts of 1976 which set guidelines for the formation and operation of electric cooperatives in the State of Maryland. The Department of Legislative Services is required to prepare legislation by January 1, 2002 to transfer the relevant provisions of these Session Laws to the Annotated Code of Maryland.

Senate Bill 524, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 1069.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

House Bill No. 1069

AN ACT concerning

Electric Cooperatives – Services and Governance

FOR the purpose of authorizing electric cooperatives to supply certain services to certain persons or entities under certain circumstances; authorizing certain entities to become electric cooperatives; authorizing electric cooperatives to form, organize, acquire, hold, dispose of, and operate an interest in certain entities under certain circumstances; requiring an electric cooperative to comply with certain orders of the Public Service Commission; requiring an electric cooperative to provide a certain education program under a certain circumstance; altering the types of officers and duties of officers of electric cooperatives; providing for the election and duties of a chairman and vice chairman of the board of directors of electric cooperatives; ~~altering the requirements for membership in an electric cooperative~~; altering certain requirements for annual and special meetings of the members of electric cooperatives; modifying the filing fees for electric cooperative documents at the State Department of Assessments and Taxation; repealing certain provisions of law providing for the protection of an electric cooperative's territory; altering a limitation on refunds to persons not members of an electric cooperative; defining