

(C) THE INADVERTENT FAILURE TO DELIVER NOTICE BY ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION DOES NOT INVALIDATE ANY MEETING OR OTHER ACTION.

11B-113.2.

(A) NOTWITHSTANDING LANGUAGE CONTAINED IN THE GOVERNING DOCUMENTS OF THE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OR OTHER GOVERNING BODY OF THE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION MAY AUTHORIZE LOT OWNERS TO SUBMIT A VOTE OR PROXY BY ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION IF THE ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION CONTAINS INFORMATION THAT VERIFIES THAT THE VOTE OR PROXY IS AUTHORIZED BY THE LOT OWNER OR THE LOT OWNER'S PROXY.

(B) IF THE GOVERNING DOCUMENTS OF THE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION REQUIRE VOTING BY SECRET BALLOT AND THE ANONYMITY OF VOTING BY ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION CANNOT BE GUARANTEED, VOTING BY ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION SHALL BE PERMITTED IF LOT OWNERS HAVE THE OPTION OF CASTING ANONYMOUS PRINTED BALLOTS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2004.

May 26, 2004

The Honorable Michael E. Busch  
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 926 – *Criminal Law – Theft, Bad Checks, and Credit Card Crimes – District Court Offenses*.

This bill establishes determinations as to the value of property or services involving specified theft crimes. It also establishes penalties for theft of property or services with a value of less than \$100, and that action or prosecution for specified crimes must be commenced within 2 years.

Senate Bill 513, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on April 27, 2004, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 926.

Very truly yours,  
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.  
Governor

**House Bill No. 926**

AN ACT concerning