BEFORE THE COUNTY GOVERNING BODY DURING NORMALLY SCHEDULED HEARINGS ON THE COUNTY'S PROPOSED BUDGET.

    (J)   NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTIONS (D), (F), AND (G) OF THIS SECTION:

        (1)   A COUNTY AND ONE OR MORE MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS MAY ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT SETTING DIFFERENT TERMS OR TIMING FOR NEGOTIATIONS, CALCULATIONS, OR APPROVAL OF A TAX SETOFF; AND

        (2)   A COUNTY MAY GRANT A TAX SETOFF TO A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION THAT DOES NOT MAKE A REQUEST IN THE FASHION DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION.

    SECTION 2.   AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1998.

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May 21, 1998

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 122.

This bill adds a third exception to the requirement that petitioners for an election recount are liable for the costs of the recount. Specifically, if the margin of difference between the winning candidate and losing candidate is 0.1 percent or less, then the cost of the recount is paid by the county in which the recount is held. In the case of a question, if the margin of difference between the number of votes cast for and the number of votes cast against the question is .01 percent or less, then the cost of the recount is paid by the county. Under current law, the petitioner for an election recount is not responsible for the cost of a recount only if the outcome of the election is changed or the petitioner has gained 2 percent or more of the total votes cast in all precincts being recounted.

House Bill 122, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 21, 1998, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 122.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

Senate Bill No. 122

AN ACT concerning