

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 317.

This bill alters the process by which a group of at least 300 residents of an unincorporated area may become a municipal corporation.

House Bill 213, 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 317.

Sincerely,  
Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

### Senate Bill No. 317

AN ACT concerning

#### **Municipal Corporations - Incorporation Process**

FOR the purpose of altering the process by which a certain group of individuals may become a municipal corporation; requiring the Office of the Attorney General to develop and distribute a certain standard petition form under certain circumstances; altering the contents of a petition to incorporate; imposing a certain time frame within which an organizing community shall obtain the minimum number of required valid signatures on a petition under certain circumstances; requiring a county governing body to make certain verifications concerning a petition to incorporate and to appoint a county liaison under certain circumstances; requiring an organizing committee to seek information from a county government, hold a certain public meeting, and present a certain report to a county governing body under certain circumstances; authorizing the county governing body to review and comment on a certain report from an organizing committee under certain circumstances; requiring the organizing committee to present to a county governing body a proposed charter and certain statements under certain circumstances; authorizing the county governing body to specify by resolution the days and hours for a special referendum election on a proposed incorporation under certain circumstances; providing for a certain process of review if a county governing body rejects a referendum request under certain circumstances; authorizing a county to withhold certain payments to a new municipal corporation under certain circumstances; specifying a certain schedule for phasing in the local income tax payments to a new municipal corporation under certain circumstances; requiring a new municipal corporation and a county governing body to cooperate in developing the first comprehensive land use plan of the municipal corporation under certain circumstances; providing that a petition to incorporate that is initiated before the effective date of this Act is null and void under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to the incorporation process for municipal corporations.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,