

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 123.

This bill provides that a nominee for Lieutenant Governor officially becomes the nominee for Governor and may assert that status in the campaign if the gubernatorial nominee dies, declines the nomination or is disqualified less than 15 days before the general election, and there is no designated successor nominee.

Senate Bill 126, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on April 28, 1998, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 123.

Sincerely,
 Parris N. Glendening
 Governor

House Bill No. 123

AN ACT concerning

Election Law - Late Vacancy for Governor - Assumption of Nomination by Lieutenant Governor Nominee

FOR the purpose of providing that if a gubernatorial nominee dies, declines the nomination, or is disqualified after a certain date and a successor gubernatorial nominee is not designated and certified, the Lieutenant Governor nominee may assume the status of the gubernatorial nominee and campaign as the gubernatorial nominee; and providing for a delayed effective date.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 33 - Election Code

Section 5-1004(c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

(As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. ____/H.B. ____)(8lr0487) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1998)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 33 - Election Code