

[(7)] (8) If a Governor and Lieutenant Governor unit comprised of a nominee for Governor who has died, declined the nomination, or become disqualified remains on the ballot as provided under paragraph (6) of this subsection and is elected, the vacancy resulting from the death, declination, or disqualification shall be filled as if it had occurred after the general election in accordance with applicable law.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect January 1, 1999.

May 21, 1998

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 185.

This bill requires the Chief of Information Technology in the Department of Budget and Management and the Information Technology Board to develop a nonvisual access clause for use in the procurement of information technology. "Nonvisual access" is defined as the ability, through keyboard control, synthesized speech, braille or other methods not requiring sight, to retrieve, use and manipulate information, and operate controls necessary to access information technology. The nonvisual access clause must be included in each invitation for bids or request for proposals unless the information technology is not available with nonvisual access under certain conditions.

Senate Bill 240, 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 House Bill 185.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

House Bill No. 185

AN ACT concerning

State Procurement - Information Technology - Nonvisual Access

FOR the purpose of requiring the Chief of Information Technology in the Department of Budget and Management, in consultation with certain persons, to develop for inclusion in State procurement contracts, after a certain date, a clause regarding nonvisual access to information technology; providing certain exceptions; defining a certain term; requiring that each procurement contract include a clause covering the requirements for nonvisual access to information