

30 years. It would make possible the payment of 60% of the salary for those who have served 40 years.

The Police Commissioner recommends that this Bill be vetoed.

In a written communication to me the Commissioner stated that he declined to give approval for the introduction of the Bill. He also pointed out that under the Bill already signed (chapter 427), permission is given the City to include members of the Police Department in the retirement system. The Commissioner asserts that at a time when efforts are being made to put the Police Pension Fund on an actuarial basis, it would be unfortunate to have this measure passed. He also points out that under the terms of this Bill, the allowance would be retroactive and would include members heretofore retired.

The Committee representing Mayor Jackson also registers its opposition to this Bill. Accordingly, the chances of favorable action on the inclusion of the police in the City system might be affected if this Bill is signed.

The Police Commissioner strongly recommends its veto and in view of the above circumstance, I will disapprove it.

Chapter 772 (House Bill 79) ; Chapter 231 (Senate Bill 95). Under the terms of these Bills, additional leave of absence with pay is ordered to be granted to members of the Police Department of Baltimore City for all over-time work performed on order of the Police Commissioner, except in cases of emergency.

Since the adjournment of the Legislature, the Police Commissioner has written me the following letter with respect to these measures :

“Senate Bill No. 95, which became Chapter 231, and House Bill No. 79, which became Chapter 772, provide that additional leave of absence shall be granted to members of the force for all overtime work which they perform on order of the Police Commissioner, except in cases of emergency.

“Members of the force are never required to perform extra duty except in cases of emergency, and in the circumstances, I recommend that these Bills be vetoed. (Signed) Robert F. Stanton, Commissioner.”

Inasmuch as the head of the Department states that all overtime work is of an emergency nature, there is no necessity for my signing the measure in question. I feel constrained to follow the recommendation of the head of the Department and veto the Bills.

The Committee representing Mayor Jackson also voiced its opposition to these measures.