

May 7, 1951

Hon. John C. Luber
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I am returning House Bill No. 342 without my approval because I believe the supplementing of State payments to retired teachers should be dealt with in the annual budgets and not in special legislation.

Such appropriations should be subject to existing economic conditions in the period for which the budget is being prepared, and to the State's financial situation at the time.

As you know, I recommended and the Legislature approved appropriations of \$100,000. in the original budget for the next fiscal year, and \$83,351 in the supplemental budget to supplement existing pensions for retired teachers in the counties and in Baltimore City.

I am confident that each succeeding Legislature will make such provisions in future budgets as are deemed necessary.

Respectfully,

THEODORE R. MCKELDIN,

Governor

POLICE MAGISTRATES

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Hon. George W. Della
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Mr. President:

Senate Bill No. 439 provides that the right of removal authority as to trial magistrates in the counties, shall also apply to the Police Magistrates in the several station houses in Baltimore City. Although the wisdom of the existing right of removal in the counties may well be questioned, it should be noted that County Trial Magistrates exercise both civil and criminal jurisdiction. In a number of counties their jurisdiction in civil cases extends well in excess of \$100. The Baltimore City Police Magistrates have jurisdiction only in criminal cases.