

VETOES

TITLES AND MESSAGES

Senate Bill No. 95—Calvert County Bonds

AN ACT to add new Section 117(c) of the Code of Public Local Laws of Calvert County (1963 Edition, being Article 5 of the Code of Public Laws of Maryland), title "Calvert County," subtitle "County Commissioners," to follow immediately after Section 117(b) thereof, requiring in Calvert County that a public hearing be held prior to any action by the County Commissioners resulting in the sale of bonds.

May 28, 1969.

Honorable William S. James
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17, of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 95 and am returning it to you.

This Bill requires the County Commissioners of Calvert County to give three weeks public notice "prior to taking any action resulting in the sale of bonds."

The County Commissioners of Calvert County have requested that I veto the Bill on the grounds that it is ambiguous and unnecessary. The pertinent portion of their letter to me is as follows:

"Senate Bill 95 requires three weeks public notice prior to 'taking any action' resulting in the sale of bonds and requiring the Board to hold public hearings and hear testimony concerning the proposed issuance of the bonds.

"This is ambiguous in that the statement 'give public notice prior to the taking of any action' could mean that, in its inception, any plan for a public improvement could be interpreted by the author of the Bill as 'taking action' in the sale of Bonds. The bill is superfluous in that prior to any Bond issuance, specific authorization has to be given by the Calvert County Delegation and only then can the County Commissioners promote a bond issue."

The sponsor of the Bill, Senator Hall, has informed me that, in light of the County Commissioners' position, he has no strong objection to vetoing the Bill.

Consequently, I have decided to veto Senate Bill 95 at the request of the County Commissioners of Calvert County.

Sincerely,

/s/ MARVIN MANDEL,
Governor.