

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 977.

This bill requires the County Commissioners of Kent County to establish a system for the publication of certain job vacancies.

The Attorney General has advised me that Senate Bill 977 is in contravention of Article XI-F of the Maryland Constitution, the Code County Home Rule provisions. A copy of the Opinion of the Attorney General is attached and should be considered a part of this veto message.

For this reason, I have decided to veto Senate Bill 977.

Sincerely,
Blair Lee III
Acting Governor

Letter from State Law Department on Senate Bill No. 977

May 24, 1978

Honorable Blair Lee, III
Acting Governor of Maryland
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Re: Senate Bill 977

Dear Governor Lee:

We regret to inform you that, in our opinion, Senate Bill 977, which would require the county commissioners of Kent County to establish a system for the publication of job vacancies, is constitutionally impermissible.

Under the provisions of Maryland Constitution, Article XI-F, with exceptions not here pertinent:

"... the General Assembly shall not enact, amend, or repeal a public local law which is special or local in its terms or effect within a Code County."

Under Section 1 thereof, public local law means: