

BERWYN.

Chapter 67, House Bill 121, incorporates the town of Berwyn, in Prince George's County.

The qualifications of voters in the referendum election are such as to preclude a property owner resident in the town for less than twelve months from protecting himself against the impositions of taxes through his right of franchise. There is estimated to be 180 qualified voters eligible to vote on the referendum, and a petition has been filed with me bearing the names of 103 such voters in protest against the submission of the bill. A similar bill was submitted to referendum vote some years ago and defeated. Under these circumstances, I do not feel that the cost of holding this proposed election would be justified, nor am I convinced as to the fairness of an election under the proposed referendum, since no adequate provision is made for notice to be given the voters prior to the holding of the election. I have, therefore, vetoed the bill.

CUMBERLAND.

Chapter 98, Senate Bill 37, directs the Mayor and City Council of Cumberland to accept from property owners on Cecil Street one-half of the amount and interest due for street and sidewalk improvements as payment in full.

The Attorney-General has ruled that this bill is in violation of Section 33 of Article 3 of the Constitution and I have, therefore vetoed it.

DUPLICATE BILLS.

Chapter 20, House Bill 6, relating to public works, is a duplicate of Chapter 84, Senate Bill 2, which has been signed.

Chapter 21, House Bill 7, relating to dependent children, is a duplicate of Chapter 148, Senate Bill 49, which has been signed.

Chapter 47, House Bill 77, relating to claims for unsound or damaged tobacco, is a duplicate of Chapter 138, Senate Bill 136, which has been signed.

Chapter 73, House Bill 75, relating to tonger's license, is a duplicate of Chapter 100, Senate Bill 40, which has been signed.

For these reasons, I have vetoed each of the above bills.