

May 24, 2019

The Honorable Adrienne A. Jones
Speaker of the House
H-101 State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Madam Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have vetoed House Bill 528 – *Baltimore City – Police Districts – Redistricting*.

This bill requires that after each decennial census of the United States, the Police Commissioner of Baltimore City must prepare a plan for the adjustment of the geographic boundaries and composition of each Baltimore City police district; and the reallocation of the resources and personnel of the Baltimore City Police Department among the districts, as specified.

This bill also requires 1) the Commissioner to present the plan to the Mayor and the Baltimore City Council within one year from the issuance of the decennial census population and housing data by the U.S. Census Bureau; 2) the Mayor and Baltimore City Council to approve the plan by resolution within 180 days from presentation or the plan becomes effective on the one hundred eighty-first day; 3) that a plan approved by the Mayor and City Council becomes effective immediately; and 3) the Commissioner must implement any plan in effect, as specified.

Senate Bill 39, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 528.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor