

May 19, 2011

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House
H-101 State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 148 – *Allegany County and Frederick County – Boards of Elections – Membership*.

This bill increases to five the number of regular members and eliminates substitute members on the Allegany County Board of Elections and the Frederick County Board of Elections. The bill also requires the members of the boards to be of specified political parties and requires that a vacancy on the boards be filled in a specified manner.

Senate Bill 163, 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 148.

Sincerely,

Governor