

May 17, 2007

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House
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 1434 - *Election Law - Presidential Primary Election Date*.

This bill alters the date of the statewide primary election in the year in which the President of the United States is elected from the first Tuesday in March to the second Tuesday in February. The bill also makes miscellaneous technical and clarifying changes to conform to the change in the date for the statewide presidential primary election, including provisions relating to specified deadlines and the certification of specified candidates by the Secretary of State.

Senate Bill 1025, 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 1434.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley
Governor