

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 71 – *State Board of Elections – Open Meetings – Video Streaming and Recording (State Board of Elections Transparency Act.)*

This bill requires the State Board of Elections, in consultation with the Department of Information Technology, to make publicly available on the Internet (1) each meeting agenda, at least 24 hours in advance of each meeting; (2) live video streaming of each open meeting of the State Board of Elections; and (3) a complete, unedited archived video recording of each open meeting for a minimum of four years after the date of the meeting.

This bill also requires the State Board of Elections to prepare written minutes of each meeting as soon as practicable after the meeting; and the Department of Information Technology to provide the technical staff, support, and equipment necessary to stream live video of the open meetings of the State Board of Elections.

Senate Bill 184, 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 71.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.  
Governor