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**Veto Message: Governor Gates**  
**1915 (S.86)**

**An act relating to the disposition of unclaimed deposits in savings banks and trust companies.**

STATE OF VERMONT  
Executive Department.  
Montpelier, Vt., March 17, 1915

Was taken up, and the President laid before the Senate the following communication from His Excellency, the Governor;

*To the Honorable Senate:*

I have the honor to return herewith, without my approval, an act originating in the Senate, entitled "Senate No. 86. An act relating to the disposition of unclaimed deposits in savings banks and trust companies" for the following reasons:

(1) Section one of the act provides that the "probate court, court of insolvency, or other court shall" after certain proceedings, order and decree that unclaimed deposits in savings banks and trust companies shall be paid to the state treasurer. The term "other court" is indefinite and may be taken to refer to the supreme court of the state, or to the county court, or municipal court, or court of justice of the peace. If every one of these courts is to have jurisdiction in this matter, and the reports of the proceedings are not kept in one place there will be great confusion and uncertainty.

(2) Section one of the act provides that the proceedings shall be taken upon the application of a person interested, or of the State's attorney. Section two which prescribes the method of making the application gives the right to the state's attorney only.

(3) Section one and two provides that public notice shall be given of any hearing under this act, and no particular manner of notice

is prescribed.

Section six provides that notice of hearing on an application of a person claiming to be entitled to the fund shall be given to them by property marked copies of newspapers containing advertisements of the hearing. I do not consider this to be a proper method of giving notice in legal affairs.

In conclusion I may say that the objects of the bill are worthy and should in my estimation be embodied in legislation, but this particular bill will, if enacted into law, produce uncertainty and confusion, because of the indefiniteness with which it is drawn.

CHARLES W. GATES,  
Governor.

**Governor's Veto Sustained**  
**S. 86, 1915**

The Governor's veto was sustained in the Senate by unanimous vote in the negative.

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Sources: Journal of the Senate, March 17, 1915 (pages 432-433)