

title "Infants", Section 78A thereof having been enacted by Chapter 343 of the Acts of 1945; and to repeal Sections 78 and 82 of Article 16 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Chancery", sub-title "Infants", except as to certain counties.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 4 of Chapter 599 of the Acts of 1947 be and it is hereby repealed, and that a new Section 4 be and it is hereby enacted in lieu thereof, to stand in the place and stead of the said Section 4 so repealed, and to read as follows:

4. The provisions of Sections 85F, 85G, 85H, 85-I, 85J, 85L, 85P and 85S of Article 16 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Chancery", sub-title "Infants", as added by this Act, shall not apply in Garrett, Allegany, Washington, Prince George's, Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's Counties, but the provisions of Article 16, Section 78 and 82 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Chancery", sub-title "Infants", shall continue to govern adoptions therein except where inconsistent with the remaining provisions of this Act which remaining provisions are hereby declared to be of State-wide application.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That two new sections, to be known as Sections 4A and 4B, to follow immediately after Section 4 as repealed and re-enacted herein, be and they are hereby added to said Chapter 599 of the Acts of 1947, to read as follows:

4A. It is hereby declared to have been the legislative intent in enacting Chapter 599 of the Acts of 1947 that all of the previously existing provisions of Article 16, Sections 78, 78A, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83 and 84 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), should be and remain in force after June 1, 1947 in the Counties of Garrett, Allegany, Washington, Prince George's, Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's, which Counties had, by Section 4 of said Act, been expressly excepted from the application thereof.

4B. Any and all adoption or other proceedings commenced or concluded under the provisions of Article 16, Sections 78, 78A, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83 and 84 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Chancery", sub-title "Infants", as in force prior to June 1, 1947, and any or all judgments, decrees, or orders had or rendered under such provisions between June 1, 1947 and the effective date of this Act in the counties of Garrett, Allegany, Washington, Prince George's, Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's are hereby declared valid and effectual to all intents and purposes whatsoever.