

CHAPTER 373.

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AN ACT to add four new Sections to Article 16 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Chancery," sub-title "Pleading, Practice and Process," to be known as Sections 200 A, 200 B, 200 C and 200 D, and to come in after Section 200 of said Article, providing a method of procedure by fiduciaries for making distribution or delivery of property where unknown persons may be entitled, or the residences of persons known or supposed to be entitled are unknown, and for protecting the interests of such persons, and for protecting fiduciaries making distribution or delivery of property.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That four new sections be added to Article 16 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Chancery," sub-title "Pleading, Practice and Process," to be known as Sections 200 A, 200 B, 200 C and 200 D, and to come in after Section 200, and to read as follows :

New sections added.

Section 200 A. Whenever it shall be the duty of any fiduciary (meaning by the term "fiduciary" any trustee, executor, administrator, receiver, or other fiduciary) to make any delivery or distribution of any property in the possession or control of such fiduciary, and said fiduciary shall apprehend that there may be persons living unknown to such fiduciary who may be entitled to shares thereof, or whose rights will be affected by such distribution or delivery, said fiduciary may apply by bill or petition to the court of equity in the county or city in which said fiduciary resides or has his or its principal office or place of business, praying the said court to assume jurisdiction over the said property and the distribution and delivery thereof, or if a court of equity already has jurisdiction of said property, said application may be made to such court. All persons known to such fiduciary to have any interest in said property shall be named or described and made parties to the proceedings, and their interests shall be stated or set forth; and there shall be a statement in the bill or petition, by which said application to the court is made, showing why such fiduciary apprehends that there may be persons living

May apply to court to assume jurisdiction over certain property, etc