

they now have original or concurrent jurisdiction, and the existing criminal procedure shall remain unchanged except as herein specifically set forth.

And provided further that nothing in this Section shall prevent the grand jury of any of the Counties from considering and taking action by way of presentment and indictment or otherwise, in any case in which it may so proceed under existing law, if the said grand jury deems it desirable to proceed by way of presentment and indictment instead of by way of Information, at any time before trial upon said Information.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the provisions of this Act shall not apply to Baltimore City or Baltimore County.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That all laws or parts of laws, General or Local, inconsistent with the provisions of this Section as re-enacted, be and the same are hereby repealed.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect on June 1st, 1945.

Approved April 27, 1945.

CHAPTER 789.

(Senate Bill 387)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 97A of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement), title "Public Education," sub-title "Teachers' Retirement System," making the provisions of said section applicable to certain teachers in Frederick and Caroline Counties.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 97A of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement), title "Public Education," sub-title "Teachers' Retirement System," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

97A. Any person who

(1) shall have been a teacher in the public schools of this State for an aggregate period of twenty-five (25)