shall be included in the State budget or approved by the General Assembly.

- 17. Every written statement made pursuant to this Article by an applicant for appointment or employment, or by any employee, shall be deemed to have been made under oath if it contains a declaration preceding the signature of the maker to the effect that it is made under the penalties of perjury. Any person who makes a material misstatement of fact (a) in any such written statement, or (b) in any affidavit made pursuant to the provisions of this Article, or (c) under oath in any hearing conducted by any agency of the State, or of any of its political sub-divisions, pursuant to this Article, or (d) in any written statement by an applicant for appointment or employment or by an employee in any State aid or private institution of learning in this State, intended to determine whether or not such applicant or employee is a subversive person as defined in this Article, which statement contains notice that it is subject to the penalties of perjury, shall be subject to the penalties of perjury prescribed in Article 27, Section 531 of the Annotated Code.
- 18. If any provision, phrase, or clause of this Article or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, phrases, or clauses or applications of this Article which can be given effect without the invalid provision, phrase, or clause or application, and to this end the provisions, phrases and clauses of this Article are declared to be severable.
- 19. This Article may be cited as the Subversive Activities Act of 1949.
- Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That all laws inconsistent with the provisions of this Act be and they are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.
- Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1949.

Approved March 31, 1949.

CHAPTER 87

(Senate Bill 139)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments, Section 7 of Article 52 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Justices of the Peace," sub-title "Civil Jurisdiction," relating to the civil jurisdiction of