

(1947 Supp.), title "Clerks of Courts", sub-title "General Duties of Clerks".

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland.* That Section 53A of Article 17 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supp.), title "Clerks of Courts", sub-title "General Duties of Clerks", be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

53A. Whenever any Clerk of any Court of record of this State has on hand in his official capacity any funds subject to order of the Court or received by him in connection with any Court proceeding, and where such funds have remained unclaimed for seven years, or the Clerk, after a lapse of seven years, has been unable to locate the person or persons entitled thereto, or his or their legal representative or representatives, the Court may, on petition of the Clerk, authorize the Clerk to disburse said funds as hereinbelow provided. Before entering such an order, the Court shall be satisfied that reasonable efforts under the circumstances have been made to locate the person or persons entitled to such funds, or his or their legal representative or representatives, by oral and written inquiry. In the event such efforts are unsuccessful the Court may enter an order authorizing the Clerk to pay over such funds to the State Treasurer for the use of the State, after the allowance of the Clerk's proper costs.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect on June 1, 1949.

Approved April 22, 1949.

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CHAPTER 305

(Senate Bill 490)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 23, 30, 33, 36, 37, 40, 41, 43, 44, 45, 75, 143 and 175 of Article 89 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition and 1947 Supplement), title "Department of Labor and Industry", sub-title "Bureau of Mines", and to add two new sections to said Article, said new sections to be known as Section 27A, to follow immediately after Section 27, and Section 174A, to follow immediately after Section 174, amending and revising the Mining Laws generally.