

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1955.

Approved April 1, 1955.

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CHAPTER 228

(House Bill 3)

AN ACT to repeal Section 94A of Article 16 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1954 Supplement), title "Chancery", sub-title "Adoption", as said section was enacted by Chapter 225 of the Acts of 1953, and to enact two new sections in lieu thereof, said new sections to be known as Sections 94A and 94B, to follow immediately after Section 94 of said article and sub-title, clarifying the inclusion of Prince George's County in the adoption laws enacted in Chapter 599 of the Acts of 1947, stating the legislative intent in the enactment of Chapter 225 of the Acts of 1953, codifying certain laws relating to adoption in the several counties which are partly exempt from the provisions of Chapter 599 of 1947, validating certain adoption proceedings in these counties, and relating generally to the laws on adoption in this State.

WHEREAS, In Chapter 599 of the Acts of 1947, the General Assembly revised the laws concerning adoptions, these laws as amended, now appearing as Sections 76-94, inclusive, of Article 16 of the 1951 Code; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 599 of 1947 repealed all the old adoption laws and at the same time contained a provision that part of said Chapter 599 should not apply in a number of enumerated counties; and

WHEREAS, To cure the possible defect in these counties whereby they may have been left with only part of an adoption statute, the General Assembly thereafter enacted Chapter 19 of the Acts of the Special Session of 1947; and

WHEREAS, By Chapter 225 of the Acts of 1953, there was a subsequent change intended solely to put Prince George's County within the State adoption laws; and

WHEREAS, There was a possible inadvertent effect in the passage of Chapter 225 of 1953, whereby part of the adoption laws applicable in six counties may have been repealed or at least repealed by implication; and

WHEREAS, It is desired to correct this possible defect, to validate adoption proceedings occurring in these six counties since June 1, 1953, to codify the provisions of two sections in the adoption laws

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.