

*Emergency Powers of Administration*

34. *If, by reason of any military or warlike catastrophe, a majority of the members of the governing body, by whatever name known, of any special tax area or special tax district (INCLUDING A SANITARY DISTRICT OR WATER DISTRICT) in this State are killed, or are sick, incapacitated, missing, or otherwise unavailable for either a temporary or an indefinite period, with the result that for a temporary or an indefinite period the tax area or tax district (INCLUDING A SANITARY DISTRICT OR WATER DISTRICT) is unable to function normally, the Governor may exercise any of the executive and administrative powers of the tax area or tax district (INCLUDING A SANITARY DISTRICT OR WATER DISTRICT) until such time as according to the particular manner of filling vacancies in the governing body of the tax area or district, (INCLUDING A SANITARY DISTRICT OR WATER DISTRICT) a number of persons sufficient to operate it are appointed to the vacancies and have qualified. The powers provided in this section exist and may be exercised only during the effective period of an official proclamation by the Governor, declaring a portion or all of the tax area or tax district (INCLUDING A SANITARY DISTRICT OR WATER DISTRICT) to be within a civil defense or disaster area, actual or threatened.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1962.*

Approved March 23, 1962.

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 CHAPTER 60

(Senate Bill 120)

AN ACT to add a new Section 35 to Article 16A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Civil Defense", (said Article 16A having been added to the Code by legislation enacted at the 1962 session of the General Assembly), said new Section 35 to follow immediately after Section 34 thereof, and to be under the new sub-title "County Powers", providing that the several counties of this State shall have certain emergency and extraordinary powers in the event the Governor of Maryland because of any military or warlike catastrophe has officially proclaimed part or all of a county to be within a civil defense emergency or disaster area, actual or threatened; and providing generally for the powers and procedures in the exercise of these emergency and extraordinary authorizations.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That a new Section 35 be and it is hereby added to Article 16A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Civil Defense", (said Article 16A having been added to the Code by legislation enacted at the 1962 session of the General Assembly), this new Section 35 to follow immediately after Section 34 thereof and to be under the new sub-title "County Powers", and to read as follows:*