

error and found by him to be innocent of the crime of which he was convicted, an amount not exceeding \$10.00 for each day served in a place of confinement pursuant to sentence imposed for such crime, with certain provisions for and limitations on the manner AND AMOUNT of payment.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That new Section 16A be and it is hereby added to Article 78A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Public Works", sub-title "Board of Public Works", to follow immediately after Section 16 thereof, and to read as follows:*

16A. (a) *The Board of Public Works shall MAY, IN ITS DISCRETION, grant from the general emergency fund or from funds provided therefor by the Governor in the Budget Bill, to each person erroneously convicted, sentenced and confined under the laws of this State for a crime he did not commit, a sum not exceeding ten dollars (\$10.00) for each day served in any place of confinement pursuant to the sentence imposed for such crime, provided that such person shall have received a full pardon from the Governor of this State in which it is made known that the person so pardoned has been conclusively shown to have been convicted in error. Such payment shall be allowed to a person so pardoned whether or not the pardon was granted before or after the effective date of this section.*

(b) *The Board in its discretion may pay such grant in lump sum or in such installments as it deems appropriate, but no part of such grant shall be paid by the Board to any person other than the person so pardoned, nor shall the person so pardoned pay any part of the sum received to any person for services rendered in connection with its collection. Any such obligation incurred is hereby declared to be void, and any payment so made shall be thereby forfeited to the State of Maryland; but nothing in this section shall preclude a person from validly contracting for services to determine his innocence, or in order to obtain his pardon, or to secure his release from prison, where otherwise permitted by law.*

~~(c) IN THE COMPUTATION OF ANY GRANT UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, IF THE PERSON ALREADY HAS BEEN PAID SOME COMPENSATION BY THE STATE BECAUSE OF HIS ERRONEOUS IMPRISONMENT, THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF ANY SUCH COMPENSATION SHALL BE DEDUCTED FROM THE GRANT COMPUTED UNDER THE FOREGOING PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.~~

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1963.*

Approved March 29, 1963.

CHAPTER 178
(Senate Bill 122)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 134 of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition, 1962 Supplement), title "Elections", sub-title "Board of Can-