

from State, county and municipal taxation of every kind and nature whatsoever in the State of Maryland.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and being passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 17, 1963.

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CHAPTER 537

(Senate Bill 73)

AN ACT to add new Section 251A to Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Public Education", subtitle "University of Maryland", to follow immediately after Section 251 thereof; to require the University to establish a branch, both graduate and undergraduate, in Baltimore County. 251 THEREOF; TO AUTHORIZE AND EMPOWER THE UNIVERSITY TO ESTABLISH BRANCHES, ONE IN BALTIMORE COUNTY, ONE IN THE CENTRAL EASTERN SHORE AREA, ONE IN THE CENTRAL WESTERN MARYLAND AREA, AND ONE IN THE SOUTHERN MARYLAND AREA.

WHEREAS, The present graduate and undergraduate enrollment of the University at College Park is 16,886, and by the Fall of 1967, it is expected that this figure will be approximately 25,000.

WHEREAS, About one-third of the current undergraduates now attending the College Park campus come from the Baltimore metropolitan area and the greater number of these students come from Baltimore County.

WHEREAS, It will take at least five years to plan, finance and construct new facilities in the Baltimore metropolitan area and to delay will mean further overcrowding at the College Park campus and perhaps mean a denial of a college education to some qualified Maryland students.

WHEREAS, If a branch of the University of Maryland were established in Baltimore County, it would not only provide the relief which is so necessary for the ever-increasing number of qualified students but also it would serve as a nucleus for scientific research and development in this area.

WHEREAS, Baltimore County is blessed with a number of science-based industries which are currently engaged in highly specialized research and development work and a graduate branch of the University would undoubtedly be of great assistance to these industries and would attract new industry into the metropolitan region.

WHEREAS, IT WOULD BE OF GREAT VALUE ALSO TO OTHER PORTIONS OF THE STATE IF BRANCHES OF THE UNIVERSITY WERE CONSTRUCTED ON THE EASTERN