the administrator may present his petition to the circuit court of the county or one of the law courts of Baltimore City where the person is served with the subpoena or where he resides, whereupon the court shall issue its order to such person requiring him to obey forthwith the subpoena issued by the board ADMINISTRATOR or show cause why he fails to obey the same, and unless the person shows sufficient cause for failing to obey the subpoena, the court shall forthwith direct the person to obey the same, and upon his refusal to comply, he shall be adjudged in contempt of court and shall be punished as the court may direct.

- 24. 22. If any person FAILS TO FILE ANY REPORT OR refuses to deliver property to the administrator as required under this Article, the administrator shall bring an action in a court of appropriate jurisdiction to enforce the delivery.
- 25. 23. The administrator shall create a division of his office, to be known as the abandoned property office, for the purpose of administering the provisions of this Article. An appropriation shall be made annually for the maintenance of such office, and shall provide sufficient staff to adequately enforce the provisions of this Article. Other divisions of the office of the administrator, as well as all State officers and employees generally, shall assist in the enforcement of this Article in connection with the performance of their normal duties.
- 26. 24. The administrator is hereby authorized to make necessary rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this Article.
- 27. 25. This act shall not apply to any property that has been presumed abandoned or escheated under the laws of another state prior to June 1, 1966, nor shall it apply to any travelers checks OR ANY MONEY ORDERS, or to any monies as to which the provisions of the dormant bank account law is applicable as found in Section 206 of Article 11 of this Code, as amended from time to time.
- 28. 26. This Act may be cited as the Uniform Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act.
- SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That all laws or parts of laws, public general or public local, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistency.
- SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That if any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or any other application of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end, all the provisions of this Act are hereby declared to be severable.
- SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That this Article shall be so construed as to effectuate its general purpose to make uniform the law of those states which enact it.