

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been 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 14, 1966.

CHAPTER 132

(Senate Bill 279)

AN ACT to add a new Section 23B to Article 15A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1965 Supplement), title "Budget and Procurement", subtitle "Budget Bureau", said new Section to follow immediately after Section 23A thereof, providing for the planning and control of data processing throughout the State departments and agencies of the State government.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a new Section 23B be and it is hereby added to Article 15A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1965 Supplement), title "Budget and Procurement", subtitle "Budget Bureau", said new Section to follow immediately after Section 23A thereof and to read as follows:

23B.

The Director, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE STATE COMPTROLLER, shall be responsible for planning and controlling data processing in the several departments and agencies of the State government. *The Director shall continuously study the data processing function within the State in order to improve its efficiency and economy. All changes effected by any department or agency pertaining to data processing shall first be reviewed and approved by the Director for compatibility with existing procedures and equipment. The purchase, lease, or rental of mechanical or electronic data processing equipment for all State departments and agencies shall be reviewed and approved by the Director prior to the purchase, lease, or rental.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1966.

Approved April 14, 1966.

CHAPTER 133

(Senate Bill 190)

AN ACT authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Harford County to borrow upon the faith and credit of Harford County a sum of money not to exceed Two Hundred Thousand