

his own initiative to audit the books, records and reports of any county, incorporated city or town or taxing district; and provided further, that any county, incorporated city or town or taxing district may request the State Auditor to audit its books, [record] records and reports, the costs of such examination to be borne by said subdivision. If the audit provided in this section shall be made by any certified public accountant or registered public accountant or the fiscal auditing committee of any county, incorporated city, town and taxing district or official auditor of any county or incorporated city, such certified public accountant or registered public accountant or fiscal auditing committee or official auditor of any county or incorporated city, as the case may be, shall report the results of his or their audit to the State Auditor on such form or forms and *in* such manner as the State Auditor may prescribe. This report shall be made to the State Auditor within one hundred and twenty days after the close of the fiscal year of the county, incorporated city or town and taxing district. The State Auditor shall on or before the first day of December in each year, and also at such other time or times as may be desirable, make a full and detailed report in writing to the Comptroller and to the Director of the State Fiscal Research Bureau of the result of the examination of the books, accounts, records and reports of each county, incorporated city or town and taxing district, together with such suggestions as he may think advisable to be made with respect to methods of bookkeeping, changes in the uniform system of municipal financial reporting and changes in the reports of said counties, incorporated cities or towns and taxing districts situated within this State. It shall also be the duty of the State Auditor to report all violations by any county, incorporated city or town and taxing district of the requirement and provisions specified in the sections of this subtitle to the State Comptroller.

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

Approved March 23, 1966.

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#### CHAPTER 18

(Senate Bill 32)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 203 of Article 16 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Supplement), title "Chancery", subtitle "Uniform Absent Persons' Act", correcting an error in the law concerning notices required under the Uniform Absent Persons' Act.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 203 of Article 16 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Supplement), title "Chancery", subtitle "Uniform Absent Persons' Act", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

§03.

All notices required under this subtitle shall be served upon all parties ordered by the court to be served in the manner prescribed by existing statutes or rules, except that in addition thereto the