

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That new Section 63 be and it is hereby added to Article 88B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), title "State Police," to follow immediately after Section 62 thereof, and to be under the new subtitle "Local Division," and to read as follows:*

Local Division

63.

(a) A Local Division is created in the Department, with the powers, duties, functions, and employees provided in this subtitle.

(b) The board of county commissioners or county council of any county OR THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BALTIMORE and the Superintendent of the Department may conclude an agreement (for a period not in excess of five years, but renewable) that the Department act as and take over all or a portion of the functions of a local police force for the county. LOCAL GOVERNING BODIES ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND EMPOWERED TO ENTER INTO SUCH CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH MUNICIPALITIES LOCATED THEREIN FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF THE MUNICIPALITIES IN THE CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO BY THE LOCAL GOVERNING BODIES AND THE STATE POLICE.

(c) Under any such agreement, the Department within the county shall enforce the public local laws of the county and perform related police services, in addition to its other and regular duties therein. For this purpose the Department shall provide such employees, buildings, and facilities as may be required by the agreement or, if not so required, as may be reasonable and proper in the discretion of the Department to perform the objects of the agreement.

(d) Every agreement shall provide that the reasonable and proper cost of the Local Division, for and within the particular county, is the obligation of the county. The agreement further shall provide for the time and manner of payments by the county to the State to pay this obligation.

(e) Every agreement requires the prior approval of the State Law Department as to legal sufficiency. Financial arrangements in every agreement require the prior approval of the State Budget Director.

(f) The Department may have and provide such employees, buildings, equipment, facilities, and other operating materials for the Local Division as may be provided in the State Budget from time to time.

(g) The employees in the Local Division from time to time shall be provided as an addition to the regular number of employees.

(H) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION THE WORD "COUNTY" SHALL INCLUDE THE CITY OF BALTIMORE.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1968.*

Approved May 7, 1968.