

which declaration shall be made by said Board of County Commissioners in the same manner and subject to the same conditions (except for approval by the mayor) as the declaration of the governing body of a city, required by section 4 hereof for the purpose of authorizing a housing authority of a city to transact business and exercise its powers. The housing authorities of the counties shall, within their area of operation as hereinafter defined, have all the functions, rights, powers, duties and liabilities provided in this Article for housing authorities in cities, and the provisions of this Article shall, within the area of operation of such housing authorities of the counties, apply to the housing authorities of the counties in the same manner and to the same extent as this Article applies to housing authorities created in cities; provided that as to housing authorities of the counties, the Board of Commissioners of the county for which any such authority is created, is hereby authorized to perform the acts herein required or permitted by this Article to be performed by the governing body of the city, the mayor or said governing body and the mayor, for the housing authority of the city. *In Montgomery County, the county executive and the county council are hereby authorized to perform the acts herein required or permitted by this Article to be performed by the mayor and the governing body of the city, respectively, for the housing authority of the city, except that the appointment and removal of commissioners of the housing authority by the county executive shall require the approval of the council.* The area of operation of a housing authority of a county shall include all of the county except that portion thereof which lies within the territorial boundaries of any city for which a housing authority may be created under this Article, unless the governing body of any such city shall by proper resolution consent to its inclusion in the area of operation of such county authority. With respect to the provisions of other sections of this Article and their application to housing authorities of counties, the term "city" shall be construed as referring to a county unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect on December 7, 1970.

Approved April 1, 1970

CHAPTER 47

(House Bill 331)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Sections 77, 80(a) and 80(c) of Article 26 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Supplement) title "Courts," subtitle "Juvenile Causes in Montgomery County," and to repeal and re-enact with amendments Sections 108(15)(b) and 108(15)(h) of Article 52 of said Code (1968 Replacement Volume and 1969 Supplement) title "Justices of the Peace," subtitle "Trial Magistrates System," to require the senior judge of the Montgomery County Juvenile Court to submit to the County Executive an annual report on cases referred to the court, to authorize the County Executive, subject to the confirma-