Authority, the State, any political subdivision thereof, or any officer thereof, including the fixing, charging, and collecting of rates and charges for the use of the facilities of the market.

423.

Bonds issued under the provisions of this subtitle are securities in which all public officers and public agencies of the State and its political subdivisions and all banks, trust companies, savings and loan associations, investment companies, and others carrying on a banking business, all insurance companies and insurance associations and others carrying on an insurance business, all administrators, executors, guardians, trustees, and other fiduciaries, and all other persons may legally and properly invest funds, including capital in their control or belonging to them. The bonds are securities which properly and legally may be deposited with and received by any State or municipal officer or any agency or political subdivision of the State for any purpose for which the deposit [or] of bonds or other obligations of the State is authorized by law.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1970.

Approved April 22, 1970

CHAPTER 333

(House Bill 307)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 19(1) of Article 52 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume and 1969 Supplement), title "Justices of the Peace," subtitle "Criminal Jurisdiction," including Washington County to the list of counties wherein the justices of the peace have the power in cases before their jurisdiction to suspend the imposition of sentence or place a party on probation before commitment, and providing that persons placed on probation in Washington County shall be under the supervision of the State Department of Parole and Probation.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 19(1) of Article 52 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume and 1969 Supplement), title "Justices of the Peace," subtitle "Criminal Jurisdiction," is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

19.

(1) The justices of the peace in and for Allegany, Baltimore, Calvert, Charles, Frederick, Caroline, Montgomery, Prince George's, Harford, Carroll, Kent, *Washington*, and Queen Anne's counties, and the judges of the People's Court in Howard County in any case within their jurisdiction, shall have power, before conviction of any person accused of crime, with the written consent of the person so accused, and after conviction or after plea of guilty or of nolo