

## 14. LOCAL EXEMPTIONS.

THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 27A SHALL NOT APPLY TO ANY COUNTY WHERE THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, OR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND COUNTY COUNCIL, PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 1, 1971, SHALL DETERMINE TO AND IN FACT SHALL IMPLEMENT OR MAINTAIN AT THE COUNTY'S EXPENSE, A SEPARATE OR DIFFERENT SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING COUNSEL TO INDIGENT ACCUSED PERSONS. ANY COUNTY WHICH DETERMINES TO IMPLEMENT A SEPARATE OR DIFFERENT SYSTEM MAY SUBSEQUENTLY RESCIND SUCH DETERMINATION AND BE INCLUDED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE UPON NOTIFICATION TO THE PUBLIC DEFENDER BY THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 27A SHALL NOT BECOME EFFECTIVE IN A COUNTY RESCINDING ITS DETERMINATION UNTIL SUCH DATE AS THE PUBLIC DEFENDER DETERMINES THAT IT IS FEASIBLE TO PROVIDE THE COUNTY WITH SERVICES PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act, excepting Section 3 of new Article 27A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, shall take effect January 1, 1972. Section 3 of the said new Article 27A shall take effect July 1, 1971.

Approved April 29, 1971

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CHAPTER 210

(Senate Bill 601)

AN ACT to add new Section 204F to Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume, 1970 Cumulative Supplement), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments," subtitle "The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services," to follow immediately after Section 204E thereof, to provide for the creation of the Inmate Grievance Commission within the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, to provide for the membership and the staff of said Commission, to prescribe the powers, duties, and functions of the Commission, to provide for judicial review of the decisions of Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services in conjunction with inmate grievances or complaints, and relating generally to the establishment of the Inmate Grievance Commission.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Section 204F be and it is hereby added to Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume, 1970 Cumulative Supplement), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments," subtitle "The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services," to follow immediately after Section 204E thereof, and to read as follows: