

*Attorney General or any person to perform any duty imposed by the provisions of this section, and all other petitions in connection with a demand may be filed in the Circuit Court of the county or Baltimore City, where the parties reside.*

(8) *Whenever any person fails to comply with any civil investigative demand for documentary material duly served upon him under this section, or whenever satisfactory copying or reproduction of any such material cannot be done and such person refuses to surrender such material, the Attorney General may file, in the Circuit Court of the county or Baltimore City, in which such person resides, is found, or transacts business, and serve upon such person a petition for an order of such court for the enforcement of this section, except that if such person transacts business in more than one county such petition shall be filed in the county or Baltimore City in which such person maintains his principal place of business, or in such other county or Baltimore City as may be agreed upon by the parties to such petition. Whenever any petition is filed in the Circuit Court of any county or Baltimore City, under this section, such court shall have jurisdiction to hear and determine the matter so presented and to enter such order or orders as may be required to carry into effect the provisions of this section. Disobedience of any order entered under this section by any court shall be punished as a contempt thereof.*

45. *State Judgment as Evidence.*

*A final judgment or decree rendered in any civil or criminal proceeding brought by the Attorney General under this subtitle to the effect that a defendant has violated this subtitle shall be prima facie evidence against such defendant in any action for damages brought by another party against such defendant under subsection (2) of Section 41 of this subtitle, as to all matters respecting which said judgment or decree would be an estoppel as between the parties thereto: provided, that this section shall not apply to civil consent judgments or decrees entered before any testimony has been taken.*

46. *Limitation period.*

*Any action brought to enforce the provisions of this subtitle shall be barred unless commenced within 4 years after the cause of action accrued. No cause of action barred on the effective date of this subtitle shall be revived by this subtitle. For the purpose of this section, a cause of action for a continuing violation is deemed to arise as of the time of the latest violation.*

47. *Cooperation with Federal Government and with other States.*

*The Attorney General may cooperate with officials of the Federal Government and the several states in the enforcement of this act.*

48. *Severability.*

*If any portion of this subtitle or its application to any person or circumstances is held to be invalid for any reason, then the remainder of this subtitle and each and every other provision thereof shall not be affected thereby.*