

(3) *May sign subpoenas, administer oaths and affirmation, examine witnesses and receive evidence.*

(b) *In case of disobedience of any subpoena or the contumacy of any witness appearing before the Comptroller or his duly authorized agent or representative, the Comptroller may apply to the circuit court of any of the counties or to the Baltimore City Court for an order. Such court may thereupon issue an order requiring the subpoena or give evidence or produce books, accounts, records, papers, and correspondence touching the matter in question. Any failure to obey such an order of court, may be punished by such court as a contempt thereof.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1972.*

Approved May 26, 1972.

CHAPTER 449

(Senate Bill 707)

AN ACT to add new Section ~~257~~ 256A to Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments," subtitle "Administrative Procedure Act," to follow immediately after Section 256 thereof, giving the political subdivisions of the State and their agencies and instrumentalities, certain status respecting matters under the Administrative Procedure Act.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That new Section ~~257~~ 256A be and it is hereby added to Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments," subtitle "Administrative Procedure Act," to follow immediately after Section 256 thereof and to read as follows:*

~~257.~~ 256A.

For the purposes of this subtitle, the political subdivisions of this State and their agencies and instrumentalities have the status of an interested person, petitioner, OR party, or aggrieved party, as the case may be, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING WHO IS AN AGGRIEVED PARTY in all matters including appeals.
FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THIS STATE AND THEIR AGENCIES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES HAVE THE STATUS OF AN INTERESTED PERSON, PETITIONER, OR PARTY, AS THE CASE MAY BE, IN ALL MATTERS INCLUDING APPEALS.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1972.*

Approved May 26, 1972.