

SECTION 21. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) This Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect on January 1, 1974, except as otherwise provided in this section.

(b) Any proceeding commenced under the Uniform Absence As Evidence of Death and Absentee's Property Act (Art. 16, §§ 200-212, Annotated Code of Maryland) prior to January 1, 1974 and not finally terminated by that date shall be governed by Art. 16, §§ 200-212, Annotated Code of Maryland, as though the same had not been repealed, and not by Subtitle 1, Title 3 of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article.

(c) Section 5-201 of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article does not apply to a cause of action, which accrued prior to January 1, 1974. With respect to any such cause of action, the pertinent provision of Art. 57, Annotated Code of Maryland, and particularly §2 of Art. 57, shall apply as though the same had not been repealed.

(d) The addition of a third judge to the Circuit Court for Harford County, provided by §1-503(a)(12) of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article, does not become effective until July 1, 1974.

(e) Pursuant to Art. III, §35 of the Constitution an increase in a sheriff's salary provided in §2-309 of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article does not become effective until the beginning of the term of the sheriff who takes office following the [[general election of 1974, if the increase was authorized at any session of the General Assembly following the general election of 1970.]] TERMINATION OF THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF WHO WAS IN OFFICE WHEN THE INCREASE WAS AUTHORIZED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. In the case of such a salary increase, the sheriff's present salary remains in effect until the date indicated in this section.

(f) Pursuant to Art. III, §35 of the Constitution, the increased salary ranges provided by §2-504(a) of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article with respect to certain clerks of court do not