

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1976.

Approved May 17, 1976.

CHAPTER 761

(House Bill 1406)

AN ACT concerning

Housing Assistance - County and Municipal

FOR the purpose of authorizing and providing for county and municipal participation in federal programs for lower-income housing assistance.

BY adding to

Article 96 - United States
Section 51, to be under the new subtitle
"Participation in Federal Housing
Assistance Programs"
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1964 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 51, to be under the new subtitle "Participation in Federal Housing Assistance Programs" be and it is hereby added to Article 96 - United States, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 96 - United States

PARTICIPATION IN FEDERAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

51.

(A) ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY OF THE STATE MAY PARTICIPATE IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS OF LOWER-INCOME HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND FOR THIS PURPOSE, MAY: (1) ENTER INTO AND PERFORM CONTRACTS OR AGREEMENTS WITH THE UNITED STATES OR FEDERAL AGENCIES; (2) ACCEPT AND EXPEND ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS MADE WITH RESPECT TO EXISTING, NEWLY CONSTRUCTED, OR SUBSTANTIALLY REHABILITATED HOUSING; (3) ACT AS A PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY WITHIN THE MEANING OF FEDERAL LAW; AND (4) DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY OR CONVENIENT TO ITS PARTICIPATION.

(B) THE POWERS CONFERRED BY THIS SECTION ARE IN