

(a) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION, [All] ALL abandoned property, other than money delivered to the administrator under this title, [may] SHALL be [sold] OFFERED FOR SALE by him WITHIN 1 YEAR OF DELIVERY. The sale shall be to the highest bidder at public sale in whatever place in the State affords, in his judgment, the most favorable market for the property involved. The administrator may decline the highest bid and reoffer the property for sale if he considers the price bid insufficient. He need not offer any property for sale if, in his opinion, the probable cost of sale exceeds the value of the property.

17-121.

(a) (1) All funds received under this title, including the proceeds of the sale of abandoned property under § 17-120, shall be credited by the administrator to a special fund. The administrator shall retain in the special fund at the end of each fiscal year, from the proceeds received by him, an amount not to exceed \$50,000, from which sum he shall pay any claim allowed by him or allowed by a court of law under this title.

(2) After deducting all costs incurred in administering this title on a pro rata basis, as provided in subsection (c) of this section, the balance of funds shall be distributed at least once annually or at any other time that the administrator in his discretion determines. The funds shall be allocated as follows:

(i) To each county of the State, the funds of owners whose last known address was shown by the records of the holder to be in the county; and

(ii) To the State for deposit in the general funds of the State, the funds of owners for whom there is no last known address in the State. FOR FISCAL YEAR 1982 ONLY, IN PLACE OF THE DISTRIBUTION AUTHORIZED ABOVE, THE ADMINISTRATOR SHALL DISTRIBUTE TO EACH COUNTY THE FOLLOWING FUNDS:

ALLEGANY	\$ 3,000
ANNE ARUNDEL	27,667
BALTIMORE CITY	359,667
BALTIMORE	75,667
CALVERT	2,000
CAROLINE	2,000
CARROLL	6,000
CECIL	7,667
CHARLES	4,000
DORCHESTER	3,333
FREDERICK	8,333
GARRETT	1,667
HARFORD	14,333
HOWARD	15,000
KENT	2,667