

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER" MEANS:

(I) FOR BALTIMORE CITY, THE MAYOR;

(II) FOR CHARTER COUNTIES, THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OR, IF THERE IS NO COUNTY EXECUTIVE, THE COUNTY COUNCIL;

(III) FOR CODE COUNTIES, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OR COUNTY COUNCIL;

(IV) FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER COUNTIES, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; AND

(V) FOR MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS, THE LEGISLATIVE BODY ESTABLISHED BY MUNICIPAL CHARTER.

(3) "CONVICTED" MEANS A FINDING OF GUILT BY A CRIMINAL COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION.

(4) "FINAL DISPOSITION" MEANS THE DATE ON WHICH ANY CRIMINAL CHARGE GIVING RISE TO A FORFEITURE UNDER THIS SECTION IS TERMINATED BY DISMISSAL. THE ENTRY OF A NOLLE PROSEQUI OR STET, THE ENTRY OF A NOT GUILTY VERDICT, THE PRONOUNCEMENT OF SENTENCE, OR THE IMPOSITION OF PROBATION UNDER ARTICLE 27, § 292 OR § 641 OF THE CODE.

+3+ (5) (I) "FORFEITING AUTHORITY" MEANS:

+1+ THE OFFICE OR PERSON DESIGNATED, FROM TIME TO TIME, BY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE'S ATTORNEY FOR A COUNTY AND THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE GOVERNING BODY HAVING JURISDICTION OVER THE ASSETS SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE.

(II) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OR HIS THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DESIGNEE WHEN THE SEIZING AGENCY IS AN INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE STATE, MAY, BY AGREEMENT WITH ANY STATE'S ATTORNEY, OR COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY, DESIGNATE AN OFFICE OR PERSON AS FORFEITING AUTHORITY TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE STATE REGARDING ANY ASSETS SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE BY THE STATE.

+4+ (6) "GOVERNING BODY" INCLUDES:

(I) THE STATE, IF THE SEIZING AGENCY IS AN INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE STATE;

(II) A COUNTY, IF THE SEIZING AGENCY IS AN INSTRUMENTALITY OF A COUNTY;

(III) A MUNICIPALITY, IF THE SEIZING AGENCY IS AN INSTRUMENTALITY OF A MUNICIPALITY; AND