

directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or unappropriated. No part of the fund may consist of real property, in kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act. In case of any dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money or assets may qualify as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, 2002, to present evidence satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and the amount of the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan equal to the amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act. Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund certified by the Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2000.

Approved May 18, 2000.

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**CHAPTER 652**

**(House Bill 913)**

AN ACT concerning

**Circuit Courts - Funding of Masters and Juror Per Diems**

FOR the purpose of requiring standing masters hired for circuit courts after a certain date to be State employees; authorizing individuals serving as standing masters before a certain date to elect State or local employment; requiring the State to reimburse counties, including Baltimore City, for a certain amount of the salaries and benefits of masters electing to remain county employees; requiring the Administrative Office of the Courts to identify standing masters and develop personnel management and funding plans; providing for the duties and supervision of standing masters; restricting changes in salary or benefits of county employed masters; increasing the amount of the juror per diem for which the State reimburses counties, including Baltimore City, subject to certain conditions; requiring counties to supplement the per diem in a certain amount absent an ordinance increasing or decreasing the amount; providing for the method of payments to counties; requiring certain appropriations in the State budget; providing for implementation during fiscal year ~~2001~~ 2002; requiring counties, including Baltimore City, to use certain moneys for circuit court and related public safety purposes; requiring counties, including Baltimore City, to report certain expenditures to the Department of Budget and Management; and generally relating to State funding of circuit court masters and juror per diems.

BY adding to

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
Section 2-501(e)