

CHAPTER 169

(Senate Bill 319)

AN ACT concerning

Public Defender - Salary

FOR the purpose of establishing the salary of the Public Defender at a certain amount; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to the Public Defender.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27A - Public Defender

Section 3(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 27A - Public Defender

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(a) The Office of Public Defender is hereby established in the Executive Branch of the government of the State of Maryland. The head of the Office shall be the Public Defender, who shall be appointed by the board of trustees, and who shall serve at the pleasure of the board of trustees. To be qualified for appointment as Public Defender, a person must be an attorney-at-law, admitted to practice law in the State of Maryland by the Court of Appeals of Maryland, and engaged in the practice of law for a period of five (5) years prior to his appointment. The Public Defender shall receive [such salary as provided in the budget, and shall] THE SAME SALARY AS AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF A CIRCUIT COURT. THE PUBLIC DEFENDER MAY not engage in the private practice of law.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1998.

Approved April 28, 1998.

CHAPTER 170

(Senate Bill 334)

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore County - Camp Puh'Tok

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed ~~\$350,000~~ \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to The Salvation Army for certain