

207 K. Whenever any person charged with a criminal offense before a police justice is admitted to bail for further hearing, if such person does not appear at such hearing according to the tenor of his recognizance, it may be forfeited. If forfeited, the justice shall note the forfeiture on the recognizance and deliver it to the clerk of the Criminal Court of Baltimore, the said forfeited recognizance shall then become a record of said court, and shall have the same effect and may be enforced in the same manner as if it had been taken and forfeited by the court. Bail forfeited.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage. Effective.

Approved April 7, 1898.

#### CHAPTER 139.

AN ACT to repeal Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of Article 10 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Attorneys at Law and Attorneys in Fact," and to re-enact Sections 2, 3 and 6 with amendments, and to repeal the Act of 1892, Chapter 37, entitled an Act to repeal and re-enact with amendments Section 3 of Article 10 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Attorneys at Law and Attorneys in Fact."

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of Article 10 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Attorneys at Law and Attorneys in Fact," and also the Act of 1892, chapter 37, entitled an Act to repeal and re-enact with amendments, section 3 of Article 10 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Attorneys at Law and Attorneys in Fact," be and the same are hereby repealed, and sections 2, 3 and 6 re-enacted so as to read as follows: Repeal.

2. All applications for admission to the bar in this State shall be made by petition to the Court of Appeals. A State Board of Law Examiners is hereby created to consist of three members of the bar of at least ten years' standing, who shall be appointed by the Court of Appeals, and shall hold office for the term of three years. Said appointment shall be made as follows: As soon after the passage of this Act as possible the Court of Appeals shall appoint three law examiners. Said examiners shall hold office for one, two and three years respec- Manner of making applications.

tively, to be designated by the judges of the Court of Appeals. After the first appointment, the Court of Appeals shall annually appoint a member of said board in the place of the examiner whose term shall expire. Members of said board shall be eligible to reappointment. In case of any vacancy in said board by reason of death, resignation or otherwise, the Court of Appeals shall fill said vacancy by the appointment of a member of said board to serve until the expiration of the term for which the person so dying or resigning had been appointed.

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3. All applications for admission to the bar shall be referred by the Court of Appeals to the State Board of Law Examiners, who shall examine the applicant, touching his qualifications for admission to the bar. The said board shall report their proceedings in the examination of applicants to the Court of Appeals with any recommendations said board may desire to make. If the Court of Appeals shall then find the applicant to be qualified to discharge the duties of an attorney, and to be of good moral character and worthy to be admitted, they shall pass an order admitting him to practice in all the courts of this State. The Court of Appeals shall prescribe rules providing for a uniform system of examinations in this State, which shall govern the Board of Law Examiners in the performance of its duties. The expenses of said board, including such compensation to the members thereof as the Court of Appeals may determine, shall be paid out of the fees of the applicants. No one shall be examined who shall not have studied the law in a law school in any part of the United States or in the office of a member of the bar of this State for at least three years. Every applicant, upon presenting himself for examination before the Board of Law Examiners, shall pay to the treasurer of the board such fee, not exceeding twenty-five dollars, as may be fixed by the Court of Appeals. On payment of one examination fee, the applicant shall be entitled to the privilege of three examinations, but no more. Any fraudulent act or representation by an applicant in connection with his application or examination, shall be sufficient cause for the revocation of the order admitting him to practice. The Board of Law Examiners shall render an annual account of their expenses to the Court of Appeals.

6. Members of the bar of any State, district or territory of the United States, who, for five years after admission, have been engaged as practitioners, judges or teachers of law, shall be admitted without examination on proof of good moral

character, after becoming actual residents of this State. Members of the bar of any other State, district or territory of the United States, who may be employed as counsel in any case pending before any of the courts of this State, may be admitted for all the purposes of the case in which they are so employed by the court before which said case is pending, without examination. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to deprive the courts of this State of the power, as at present existing, of disbarring or otherwise punishing members of the bar.

Practitioners, etc., admitted without examination.

SEC. 2. The provisions of this Act shall not apply to those students who shall have matriculated at the Law Department of the University of Maryland, or the Baltimore University School of Law prior to the first day of January, 1898, but such students shall be admitted upon the production of the diplomas of graduation as heretofore.

To whom not to apply.

Approved April 14, 1898.

#### CHAPTER 140.

AN ACT to repeal Section 132 of Article 20, Code Public Local Laws, title "Somerset County," sub-title "Justices of the Peace and Constables," and to re-enact the same with amendments.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That section 130 of Article 22, Code of Public Local Laws, title "Somerset County," sub-title "Justices of the Peace and Constables," is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments so as to read as follows:

Repeal

132. There shall be the following number of justices of the peace and constables for Somerset county, to wit: for election district number one, four justices of the peace and two constables; for election district number two, one justice of the peace and one constable; for election district number three, three justices of the peace and two constables; for election district number four, two justices of the peace and one constable; for election district number five, one justice of the peace and one constable; for election district number six, three justices of the peace and one constable; for election district number seven, two justices of the peace and one constable; for election district number eight, one justice of the peace and one constable; for election district number nine, two justices of the peace and one constable; for election district number

Justices of the peace and constables appointed.

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