

rant on the Treasurer, payable to such persons and for such amount as may be required by the Governor; provided, that the said amount of ten thousand dollars, or so much of it as shall be used, be deducted from that portion of the appropriation to be made under the provisions of the Constitution of the State to St. Mary's County.

Approved March 30, 1868.

CHAPTER 311.

AN ACT to provide for the changing of the name of any person.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That if any person residing in this State shall desire to change his or her name, such person may file in the Circuit Court of the county of his or her residence, or in the Circuit Court of Baltimore city, if such person resides in the city of Baltimore, a petition in which shall be stated the change which such person desires shall be made in his or her name and the reasons therefor, and thereupon the said Court upon being satisfied in such manner as it shall by its rules prescribe, that the prayer of the said petition should be granted, shall order and decree that the name of such person be changed, as is prayed in said petition, and upon the passage of such decree the true and legal name of such person shall be that determined by the said decree, and a copy of the said decree under the seal of said Court, shall be sufficient and legal evidence of the facts therein stated; the petition provided for in this Section may be filed on behalf of any infant residing in this State by the father of such infant, or in case of his death, by the mother or guardian of such infant; the costs of the proceedings provided for in this Section shall be regulated by the said Courts, and shall be paid by the petitioner.

Change name.

Order decree.