

**Register of Wills.**

An. Code, sec. 263. 1904, sec. 261. 1888, sec. 257. 1777, ch. 8, sec. 6. 1823, ch. 195, sec. 1. 1825, ch. 208, sec. 5. 1840, ch. 52. 1861, ch. 83.

**272.** The register of wills in each county and of the city of Baltimore, before he acts as such, shall give bond with two good and sufficient securities in the penal sum of seven thousand dollars, payable to this State, conditioned for the faithful performance of his said office of register of wills, which bond shall be taken and securities approved by the judges of the orphans' court and recorded in the office of the clerk of the circuit court for the county, or the superior court of Baltimore city, as the case may be; and every register shall renew his bond on or before the thirty-first day of December in every second year.

The register's bond is liable for collateral inheritance taxes and taxes on commissions. *Banks v. State*, 60 Md. 309.

As to suits on bonds of registers of wills, see art. 75, secs. 20, 21 and 108.

As to counter security, see art. 90, sec. 5.

As to the fees chargeable by a register of wills, see art. 36, sec. 29.

See art. 4, sec. 41, Md. Constitution.

An. Code, sec. 264. 1904, sec. 262. 1888, sec. 258. 1823, ch. 195, sec. 2.

**273.** On default of any register of wills to execute the bond required by the preceding section within the time therein prescribed, he shall be subject to a penalty of one thousand dollars to be recovered by indictment in the name of the State in the circuit court for the county in which he shall reside; or, if he reside in the city of Baltimore, by indictment in the criminal court of Baltimore.

An. Code, sec. 265. 1904, sec. 263. 1888, sec. 259. 1823, ch. 195, sec. 3.

**274.** It shall be the duty of each register of wills to transmit to the governor, on the first Monday of October next after the execution of said bond, a certified copy thereof.

An. Code, sec. 266. 1904, sec. 264. 1888, sec. 260. 1798, ch. 101, sub-ch. 15, sec. 9.

**275.** Each register shall diligently attend each meeting of the orphans' court in his county or city, and under their direction make full and fair entries of their proceedings, and also make a fair record in a strong bound book or books of all wills proved before him or the said court, or authenticated according to law, and of all other matters by law directed to be recorded in the said court or in his office; he shall make out and issue every summons, process, or order of the court and shall in every respect act under their control and direction as the clerk of a court of law is under the direction of such court of law; and he shall give out and certify under the seal of the court any copy of any part of the proceedings in the court or in his office which any person may demand, and he shall be entitled to payment for any service done by him according to the table of fees now or hereafter settled by law.

This section referred to in deciding that a verbal order of court authorizing an investment is not sufficient under sec. 251. *Carlyisle v. Carlyisle*, 10 Md. 448.

An administration account is required to be recorded by this section. *Mitchell v. Mitchell*, 1 Gill, 82. As to vouchers upon which account is passed and also as to a will, see *Randall v. Hodges*, 3 Bl. 480.