ARTICLE XC.

SURETIES.

Counter Security.

6 A. How surety on official bond may may be released.

6 B. Provision for the release of sureties on the bond of any bank.

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6 A. Any surety or the personal representative of any surety, upon the official bond of any State, county, municipal or other public officer who is, by the Constitution of the State of Maryland, or by any law, ordinance, rule or regulation, required to give such bond, may be discharged from further liability as such surety upon application by petition to the court, judge, officer, board or other person or persons or body having authority to approve such bond, who shall thereupon immediately, by order reciting such application, require such publicofficer to furnish a new bond in the same manner as if none had ever been given by him within thirty days after personal service of such order. Such personal service may be made either within or without the State of Maryland by the said court, judge, officer, board or other person or persons or body, or by any person authorized by them or at their request, by the surety or any agent or representative of the surety. such new bond is given and approved, according to law, in compliance with said order, the surety on the prior bond shall remain liable for acts or defaults occurring prior thereto, but shall be discharged from all further liability from the acts or defaults of said officer which may be done or committed subsequent to the approval of such new bond. The office of any such State, county, municipality or other public officer shall become vacant at the expiration of thirty days from personal service as aforesaid, if the said officer shall not have complied with such order by filing new bond, and the said vacancy shall be filled as provided by law in case of death, resignation or removal; this provision shall be mandatory.*

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^{*} Called section 5 B in the Act.