

CHAPTER 321.

AN ACT to make valid and effectual, and legalize the official acts and proceedings of John Y. Patterson, a justice of the peace of the third election district of Garrett county, Maryland.

Preamble.

WHEREAS John Y. Patterson, of Garrett county, Maryland, was duly appointed a justice of the peace for said county on the tenth day of April, A. D., eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, to serve for the term of two years, from the first day of May, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight; and whereas said Patterson failed to qualify as such justice, and in accordance with such appointment according to the requirements of the constitution and the laws of the State of Maryland, although he has continued to act as such justice up to the present time; and whereas serious loss and inconvenience will result to sundry persons and the public generally from the illegality of the official acts and proceedings of said Patterson as justice of the peace aforesaid; therefore—

Legalize proceedings.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the acts and proceedings of John Y. Patterson, as one of the justices of the peace of the State of Maryland, in and for Garrett county, during the period in which he acted as such justice and failed to qualify for the same, as required by the constitution and laws of the State of Maryland, be and the same are hereby made as valid and to have the same effect and operation in law as if the said John Y. Patterson had qualified as such justice in accordance with the law during the period aforesaid.

Effective.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* This act shall take effect from its passage.

Approved April 10, 1880.