

CHAPTER 278.

AN ACT to legalize and make valid and effectual the acts of Laurence P. Ashton, a justice of the peace of the State of Maryland, in Easton district number six of Dorchester county, who was appointed May the twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, and who after resigning continued to perform the duties of said office until he again qualified June the sixth, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine.

WHEREAS, Laurence P. Ashton, esq., was duly appointed and commissioned by the governor of the State of Maryland, a justice of the peace of the said State, in the sixth election district of Dorchester county; and,

WHEREAS, the said Laurence P. Ashton did, before the expiration of his term of appointment, resign the office of justice of the peace, but after resigning continued to perform certain acts as of his office, under the impression and belief, and all those interested in said acts being under the impression and belief, that the acts of the said Laurence P. Ashton were valid and effectual until he again qualified June the sixth, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, under his reappointment of May the twenty-third, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, but as the validity of such acts have by some persons been questioned; therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That all the acts of Laurence P. Ashton, done and performed in the capacity of, or as a justice of the peace of the State of Maryland, in and for Dorchester county, after resigning January the seventh, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, until he again qualified June the sixth, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, under a commission from the governor of the State of Maryland, issued May the twenty-third, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, be and the same are hereby made as valid and effectual and shall have the same force and effect in law as if he had not resigned nor been removed.

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

Approved April 3, 1890.