

thirty-four of said article thirty-three of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Elections," sub-title "Registration of Voters," be and the same are hereby repealed. Repeal

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the following section be and is hereby added to article thirty-three of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Elections," sub-title "Registration," to follow section thirty-nine, and to be known as "Section thirty-nine A." To add.

39 A. Whenever a petition for an appeal from any action of any of the officers of registration in Baltimore city is brought before any judge of the supreme bench of Baltimore city, and such officers of registration or any two of them shall at any time before the commencement of the trial thereof file a petition to have such appeal heard and determined by some other judge, and an affidavit that such application is not made for delay, the power of such judge to hear such appeal shall cease, and he shall notify the supreme bench of Baltimore city that a petition for removal has been filed in such appeal, and the supreme bench shall thereupon pass an order assigning some other judge to try such appeal who shall hear and determine the same in the same manner as if the petition had been originally brought before him. Right to be heard by another judge.

39 B. Whenever, before any judge or court hearing any appeal from the action of any officer or officers of registration, there is an inquiry as to the legal residence of any person, the declarations, statements and admissions of such persons shall not be admissible in evidence to prove with what intention he came to, remained in or departed from any place of abode, but the court shall determine the question of residence from the surrounding circumstances. Legal residence.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage; provided, that every offense which has been or shall have been wholly or partly committed against any of the public general laws hereby repealed or parts thereof before this act goes into operation, shall be dealt with, inquired into, tried, determined and punished, and any penalty in respect to any such offense shall be imposed or inflicted, and any fine shall be imposed, enforced or recovered in the same manner as if the said laws or parts thereof had not been repealed; and no case pending shall abate by reason of such repeal, and every act duly done and every warrant or other instrument duly issued, made or granted before this act comes into operation, shall continue and be of the same force and effect as if the said laws or parts thereof had not been repealed; and provided also, that any right, liability, privileges and protection in respect to any matter or thing committed or done before this act comes into operation, shall continue and be of the same force and effect as if the said laws or parts thereof had not been repealed; and every action, prosecution or other proceeding which shall have been commenced before this act Cases pending.