

WHEREAS, it is proper and desirable to have the said controversy between the said States submitted to arbitration and to accept as final and conclusive such award as may be made in the premises. Preamble

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That with the concurrence of the State of West Virginia the settlement and determination of the true line of boundary between the States of Maryland and West Virginia be referred to arbitrators, one to be appointed by the State of Maryland, in the manner hereinafter provided, and one to be appointed by the State of West Virginia in the manner which may be determined by the Legislature of that State, and a third to be selected by these so appointed, who shall ascertain the true line of boundary between the said States and make and deliver their award in writing, any two of them concurring therein, each State shall have the right to be represented by counsel before the arbitrators under such regulations as they may prescribe, and the State of Maryland hereby pledges its faith to accept and abide by the award of the said arbitrators in the premises, as final and conclusive; provided, however, that the landholders on either side of the line of boundary between the States aforesaid, as the same may be ascertained and determined by the said award, shall in no manner be disturbed thereby in their title to and possession of their lands, as they may be at the date of said award, but shall in any case, hold and possess the same, as if their said title and possession had been derived under the laws of the State in which, by the fixing of the line by the terms of the said award, they may be ascertained to be. Arbitrators to fix boundary lines

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That if the concurrence of the State of West Virginia can be obtained to the arbitration hereby proposed, the Governor of the State be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to appoint an arbitrator on the part of this State, who, with an arbitrator appointed by the State of West Virginia, and a third arbitrator chosen by the two thus appointed by the State of Maryland and West Virginia shall proceed to make the award provided for by this act, and in case of a vacancy occurring by the death, resignation or refusal to act of the person so appointed by the Governor of this State, another person shall be appointed by the Governor, who with the others designated to act as above mentioned shall exercise the powers and perform the duties defined and imposed in the first section of this act. Governor to appoint.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the Governor of this State be and he is hereby requested to forward a copy of this Duty of Governor.