

## CHAPTER 409.

AN ACT to repeal section two hundred and seventy-three, of article ninety-three, of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Testamentary Law," sub-title "Register of Wills," and to re-enact the same with amendments.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That section two hundred and seventy-three, of article ninety-three, of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Testamentary Law," sub-title "Register of Wills," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted so as to read as follows: Amendment.

273. The Comptroller shall, from time to time, limit and fix the number and compensation of assistant clerks or deputies to be employed by any such register, and no account for compensation for services of any assistant clerk, deputy or other person employed in performing any of the duties pertaining to the office of any such register, shall be allowed until such assistant, deputy or other person employed shall have certified, under oath, that the said services have been performed, that he has received the full sum therein charged to his own use and benefit, and that he has not paid, deposited or assigned, nor contracted to pay, deposit or assign any part of such compensation to the use of any person nor in any way, directly or indirectly paid, or given, nor contracted to pay or give, any reward or compensation for his office or employment, or the emoluments thereof, and such Register of Wills are hereby authorized to appoint such assistant clerks and deputies, and when duly qualified as such, said assistant clerks and deputies, shall have power and authority, in the absence of the register, to act in the place and stead of the register in all matters pertaining to the duties of the office of Register of Wills; and all such acts heretofore performed by any such assistant clerk or deputy are hereby expressly ratified and confirmed as if they had been performed by the Register of Wills in person. Comptroller to fix number and compensation of clerks.

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

Approved April 7th, 1892.