On and after January 1, 1946, the pension allowance to the widow or for the benefit of minor children shall be one-quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) of the base salary of the grade or position of the deceased member in force at the time of his death, said benefits to be paid to the widow (or children as above provided), conditioned, however, that the provisions of Sections 943A and 943B shall not apply to a widow unless she shall have been married to a deceased member for at least five years preceding his death, and shall not apply to widows of members whose marriage occurred subsequent to retirement.

Nothing in Sections 943A and 943B shall be construed to be in conflict with the provisions of Section 943 of this Article.

All revenue derived in accordance with the terms of Section 943A shall be kept in a separate and distinct fund to be known as the Special Fund for Widows, and shall be disbursed only for the purposes provided in Sections 943A and 943B.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That should any section or part of a section of this Article be held to be invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any remaining section or part of a section of this Article, it being the legislative intent that the remainder of this Article shall stand, notwithstanding the invalidity of such section or part of a section.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1947.

Approved April 25, 1947.

CHAPTER 799.

(House Bill 631)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 1 of Article 68 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement), title "Notaries Public", relating to the appointment of Notaries Public.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 1 of Article 68 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement), title "Notaries Public", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

1. The Governor on the approval of the application by the Senator of the County or legislative district of Baltimore