

“Takoma Park”, sub-heading “Justice of the Peace”, and that Section 1321 of the Prince George’s County Code (1943 Edition), being Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title “Prince George’s County”, sub-title “Takoma Park”, sub-heading “Justice of the Peace”, be and they are hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1947.

Approved April 25, 1947.

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## CHAPTER 849.

(House Bill 775)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 38 of Article 16 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement), and Section 39 of Article 16 of said Code (1939 Edition), title “Chancery”, sub-title “Divorce”, to confer jurisdiction upon Courts of Equity in actions for annulment of marriage; to repeal Section 16 of Article 62 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title “Marriages”, as said section was amended by Chapter 664 of the Acts of 1945, and to enact in lieu thereof a new Section 16, providing for automatic annulment of marriage upon conviction of bigamy, marrying within any prohibited degree or between races prohibited by law to intermarry.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 38 of Article 16 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement) and Section 39 of Article 16 of said Code (1939 Edition), title “Chancery”, sub-title “Divorce”, be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

38. The Courts of Equity of this State shall have jurisdiction of all actions for divorce and for an annulment of marriage; and any person desiring a divorce or an annulment shall file his or her bill in the court, either where the party plaintiff or the defendant resides or where the ceremony of marriage sought to be annulled was performed; and if the party against whom the bill is filed be a non-resident, or a person who may be proceeded against as a non-resident, then the same process by summons, notice, or otherwise, shall be had to procure the answer and appearance of the defendant, as is had in other cases in chancery; and in all cases where, from the default of the defendant, a bill