

for divorce or annulment may be taken pro confesso, the court shall order testimony to be taken and shall decide the case upon the testimony so taken.

39. All persons residing on property lying within the physical boundaries of any county of this State or within the boundaries of the City of Baltimore but on property over which jurisdiction is exercised by the Government of the United States by virtue of the 17th clause, 8th section of First Article of the Constitution of the United States, and Sections 31 and 32 of Article 96 of the Annotated Code of the Public Laws of Maryland, shall be considered as residents of the State of Maryland and of the County or City of Baltimore, as the case may be, in which the land is situate for the purpose of jurisdiction in the Courts of Equity of this State in all applications for divorce and for annulment of marriage.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That 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(1939 Edition), title "Marriages", as said section was amended by Chapter 664 of the Acts of 1945, be and it is hereby repealed, and that a new Section 16 be and it is hereby enacted in lieu thereof to read as follows:

16. The jurisdiction heretofore exercised under the provisions of this section to annul marriages within prohibited degrees and second marriages shall hereafter be exercised under the provisions of Article 16, Section 38, governing the annulment of marriage for any cause. In addition thereto, whenever the Criminal Court of Baltimore City, or a Circuit Court of one of the counties shall convict one or both of the spouses of bigamy, of marrying within any prohibited degree, or of marrying between races prohibited by law to intermarry, the judgment of conviction shall serve as an annulment of said marriage, provided that there shall be recorded on the records of the Circuit Court or Circuit Court No. 2 of Baltimore City, in the case of a conviction in the Criminal Court of Baltimore City, or, in the case of a conviction in the Circuit Court of one of the counties on the equity docket of the same Court, a complete transcript of the docket entries in the criminal proceedings leading to said judgment of conviction.

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

Approved April 25, 1947.