

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 724A of Article 22 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Washington County", sub-title "Schools—Teachers' Salaries", as said section was enacted by Chapter 304 of the Acts of 1935, be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments, to read as follows:

724A. On and after September 1, 1937, the salaries of all teachers in the public schools in Washington County shall be on the same basis and at the same rates as for the school year 1932-1933.

The County Commissioners of Washington County are hereby directed to levy a sufficient amount to pay the salaries as herein prescribed.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1937.

Approved May 18, 1937.

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## CHAPTER 172.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Section 74 of Article 16 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition), title "Chancery," sub-title "Infants", to provide for the adoption of adults.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 74 of Article 16 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition), title "Chancery", sub-title "Infants", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments to read as follows:

74. The several equity courts of this State, upon the application of any person residing in the city or county where such application is made, or the equity court in the city or county where a person to be adopted resides, shall have power to pass a decree declaring any person the adopted child of the petitioner, upon such reasonable notice to the parent or parents, guardian or guardians, of such child, if any there be, where a child is to be adopted, or to the next of kin of the petitioner where an adult is to be adopted, by summons, order of publication or otherwise, as the court may order to be given, provided that the court passing the decree shall become satisfied, upon careful investigation, in the case of a child, that the best in-