

Chapter 78.

AN ACT to repeal sections one and two of article forty-two of the Code of Public General Laws of the State of Maryland, title "Governor," respecting the custody of the great seal of the state and the use thereof, and to re-enact the same with amendments, so as to give force and effect to the constitutional provisions relating thereto.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That sections one and two of article forty-two of the Code of Public General Laws of the State of Maryland, title "Governor," be and the same hereby are repealed and re-enacted with amendments, so as to read as follows:

Repealed and re-enacted.

SECTION 1. The great seal of the State of Maryland shall be in the custody of the secretary of state, but the governor shall have the control and use thereof whenever necessary for any purpose provided for by the constitution and laws, or when needed to authenticate communications between this state and the United States, the states and territories thereof and foreign states, in all which cases the great seal shall be used; and the secretary of the senate, and the chief clerk of the house of delegates respectively, shall have unrestricted access to and use of the great seal for the purpose of affixing the same to bills which shall have passed the General Assembly as required by the constitution, preparatory to presenting the same to the governor for his approval; every bill, when passed by the General Assembly, shall be returned to the house in which the same originated, and shall, as soon thereafter as practicable, be sealed with the great seal by the secretary of the senate or chief clerk of the house of delegates, as the case may be, and presented to the governor for his approval; and, in his presence, such clerical officer having custody of the same shall make on the back of every such bill a memorandum in writing of the day and hour when the same was presented to the governor for his approval, and such officer so presenting the same shall sign his name to such memorandum, and shall make a corresponding entry upon the journal of the house in which the same originated;

Custody of the great seal.

Bills to be sealed.

Make memorandum.