

SEC. 15. The several courts of law, and any of the judges thereof in recess, upon written application, to be filed in the cause made to them by a party to or interested in a suit, action or other proceeding therein depending, either original or an appeal from a justice of the peace, and the orphans' courts of this state, in any proceeding pending before them, and on being satisfied, by affidavit or otherwise, that there are material and competent witnesses in such cause residing or living out of this state, or who, for any reason, cannot be brought before them, may direct the respective clerks of such court, or the register of wills, as the case may be, to issue a commission for taking the depositions of such witnesses; and such commission shall issue, and the commissioners shall be appointed and qualified, interrogatories be proposed or exhibited, the commissions be executed and returned; and the depositions taken in pursuance thereof shall be published in the same manner and form as heretofore has been the practice in the case of a commission from a court of equity for the examination of witnesses residing and living out of this state; and the depositions which shall be duly taken in virtue of any such commission, or copies thereof, duly attested, shall be admitted as evidence at the trial of the cause or the proceeding for which the same may have been taken.

Commission
for depositions.

Depositions
published.

Approved March 20, 1884.

Chapter 83.

AN ACT to repeal section one of chapter two of the acts of eighteen hundred and seventy, and to re-enact the same with amendments, so as to read as follows:

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That section one of chapter two of the acts of assembly, eighteen hundred and seventy, be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

Repealed and
re-enacted.