

deed for the abstract now required to be sent to the Land Office failed of passage (H. B. 386). It had many advantages, and it was supported in committee hearings by the Archivist, who was especially concerned because of the crowded condition now prevailing in our vaults. The continued collecting of county deed abstracts will soon exhaust the space which the Hall of Records Commission made available to the Land Office in 1935. Unfortunately, the bill was opposed by the Commissioner of the Land Office, who was the officer most directly concerned, and was lost in committee.

At the suggestion of the State Library a bill was introduced requiring every State agency to deposit one copy of each of its publications in the State Library and in the Hall of Records (Chapter 651). At the present time there is no State agency which has a file of State publications anywhere near complete, and their lack is a serious handicap to the use and evaluation of the records of those State offices which are now active. While the sacrifice of space will be great in the Hall of Records for the storage of these publications, the more efficient use of the records should make this sacrifice worthwhile. The bill passed without amendment and is printed here below:

“AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 103 of Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title ‘Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments’, sub-title ‘Department of Legislative Reference’, as said Section was amended by Chapter 7 of the Acts of 1947, relating to the filing of certain publications with the State Library and the Hall of Records.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 103 of Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title ‘Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments’, sub-title ‘Department of Legislative Reference’, as said Section was amended by Chapter 7 of the Acts of 1947, be and it is