

CHAPTER 366.

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 16 of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Montgomery County," under the new sub-title "Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes," to be numbered section 52 $\frac{1}{2}$, and to follow section 52.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new section be and the same is hereby added to Article 16 of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Montgomery County," under the new sub-title "Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes," to follow section 52, and be numbered section 52 $\frac{1}{2}$, and to read as follows :

52 $\frac{1}{2}$. It shall be lawful for banks and bankers in Montgomery county to close their doors for business at twelve o'clock noon on each and every Saturday in the year, and every Saturday in the year after twelve o'clock noon shall be a legal half holiday so far as regards the presenting for payment or acceptance and the protesting and giving notice of the dishonor of bills of exchange, bank checks, drafts, promissory notes and other negotiable paper, and for these purposes shall be treated and considered as the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday, and all such bills, checks, drafts and notes presentable for acceptance or payment on Saturday, shall be deemed to be presentable for acceptance or payment on the secular or business day next succeeding; provided, however, that all bills of exchange, drafts and promissory notes made after the passage of this Act, except those payable at sight or on demand, which shall be otherwise payable on any half holiday Saturday shall be deemed to be and shall be payable on the next succeeding secular or business day, and provided further, that for the purpose of protesting or otherwise holding any party to any bill of exchange, bank check, draft or promissory note, and which shall not have been paid before twelve o'clock at noon on any half holiday Saturday, a demand of acceptance or payment thereof may be made, and notice of protest or dishonor thereof may be given on the next succeeding secular or business day; provided further, that when any person shall receive for collection in said county any bill of exchange, bank check or promissory note due and presentable for acceptance or payment on any half holiday Saturday, such person shall not be deemed guilty of any neglect or omission of duty nor incur any liability in not presenting for payment or acceptance or collecting such bill of exchange, bank check, draft or promissory note on that day; and provided further, that in construing this section,

New section added.

Lawful to close doors at 12 o'clock noon on Saturday.