

in said county any bills of exchange, bank check, draft 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 or 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 every half-holiday Saturday shall, until twelve o'clock noon, be deemed a secular business day. Nothing in this section shall affect the provisions of sections 9 and 19 of article 13 of the Code of Public General Laws, applicable to any Saturday, whenever the same, under the provisions of said section, shall be a legal holiday.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 8, 1908.

CHAPTER 204.

AN ACT authorizing and empowering the judges of the Circuit Court for Prince George's county to appoint a court stenographer.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the judges of the Circuit Court for Prince George's county be and they are hereby authorized and directed to appoint a court stenographer, who shall be a sworn officer of said court. And said stenographer so appointed shall be paid a salary of three hundred and fifty dollars per annum, which sum shall be levied and paid by the County Commissioners of said county, in equal instalments quarterly, on the first day of January, April, June and October in each year, during his term of service, upon the presentation to them of the certificate of the clerk, or any of the judges of said court, showing the attendance and services of said court stenographer.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the stenographer so appointed shall hold his position during the pleasure of the judges of said court, and it shall be his duty to take full stenographic notes of all oral testimony and judicial opinions, orally delivered, at the regular terms of said court. And it shall also be his duty to furnish to any party to such proceedings, upon request, a typewritten copy of the notes of testimony and judicial opinions so taken by him, or of such part thereof as may be required, on payment by such party of the expenses of such copy, at the rate of five cents for every hundred words; provided, that