

of honorary membership of the said regiment or separate organization, to be signed by the commanding officer thereof, or some other officer designated by him for that purpose, and bearing the date of its issue, which certificate shall exempt the said honorary member from petit jury duty for one year from the date of the issue of the said certificate, provided the same be filed with the Clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore City or the Clerk of the Circuit Court of any county before the drawing of the jury.

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

Approved April 7, 1910.

ARTICLE LXVI.

MORTGAGES.

CHAPTER 719.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Section 25 of Article 66, title "Mortgages," of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland of 1904.

Whereas, the titles to real and leasehold properties subject to mortgages securing promissory notes are frequently clouded by reason of such promissory notes being lost or destroyed; and,

Whereas, it is proper that the true ownership of a mortgage debt should always be shown upon the land or mortgage records; therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 25 of Article 66, title "Mortgages," of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland of 1904, be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments, so as to read as follows:

25. The title to all promissory notes and other instruments hereafter made and debts hereafter contracted, secured by mortgage or deeds in the nature of a mortgage, shall both before and after the maturity of such notes, other instruments or debts, be conclusively presumed to be vested in the person, persons or body corporate holding the record title to such mortgage or deed in the nature of a mortgage; and if such mortgage or deed in the nature of a mortgage is duly released of record, the promissory notes, other instruments or debts secured by such mortgage or deed in the nature of a mortgage, shall both before and after the maturity of such promissory notes, other instruments or debts, be conclusively presumed to