

CHAPTER 105.

Passed Feb. 11, 1864. AN ACT to repeal sections forty-two and forty-three of Article sixty-six of the Code of Public General Laws, relating to manumission, and to enact a substitute therefor, providing for the manumission of slaves.

Repealed. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That sections forty-two and forty-three of Article sixty-six of the Code of Public General Laws, relating to manumission, be and the same are hereby repealed, and that the following sections be enacted as a substitute therefor :

Additional sections.

Sec. 42. That any person or persons possessed of any slave or slaves within this State, may by writing, under his, her or their hand and seal, evidenced by at least two good and sufficient witnesses, and acknowledged before a Justice of the Peace of the county where the grantor resides, and recorded in the office of the clerk of the Circuit Court for said county within thirty days from the date of said instrument, or by last will and testament executed to pass personal property and duly admitted to probate, grant to such slave or slaves, his, her or their freedom, to take effect at the date of said instrument, or at such future time as may be limited by said instrument, and that a copy of such record duly attested under the seal of such office where said deed, or last will and testament, may be recorded, shall be good and sufficient evidence to prove such freedom ; and all manumissions made or attempted to be made by deed, or last will and testament, since the enactment of said sections forty-two and forty-three, prohibiting manumissions, are hereby ratified and made valid, with the consent of the parties interested, as if said prohibitions had not existed ; but that no slave manumitted, or hereafter to be manumitted, shall be entitled to vote at any election, or be capable of holding any office of profit or trust, or of giving evidence against any white person.

Deed of manumission.

Sec. 43. That any executor, administrator or guardian may execute in the manner and form provided in the foregoing section, a deed of manu-