

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 10th, 1914.

CHAPTER 516.

AN ACT to repeal Section Seven of Article Forty-five of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Husband and Wife," and to re-enact said Section of said Article with amendments.

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Seven of Article Forty-Five of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Husband and Wife," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments, so as to read as follows:

SECTION 7. A widower shall be entitled to an estate for his life in one-third of the lands held by equitable as well as legal title in the wife at any time during the coverture, or whether held by her at the time of her death or not, but such estate shall not operate to the prejudice of any claim for the purchase money of such lands, or other lien on the same; nor shall any conveyance of such lands by the wife alone bar such estate of the widower therein, and this estate shall be known as the widower's dower, and the statute and common law of this State as to the widower's dower shall be construed to be applicable to this estate unless such construction would be unreasonable.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall not be construed to, and shall not, in any way effect any rights, titles or interests which have become vested under said Section of said Article of said Code prior to the date of the passage of this Act.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That all Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act be, and are hereby repealed to the extent that they are so inconsistent.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

• Approved April 16th, 1914.

CHAPTER 517.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Sections 386 to 388, inclusive, 390 to 392, inclusive, 394 to 398, inclusive,