

CHAPTER 574.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 38 of Article 16 of Bagby's Annotated Code of the Laws of Maryland, title, "Chancery," sub-title, "Divorce,"

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 38 of Article 16 of Bagby's Annotated Code of Maryland, title, "Chancery," sub-title, "Divorce," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, so as to read as follows:

38. DIVORCES A MENSA ET THORO may be decreed for the following causes, to-wit: First, cruelty of treatment; secondly, excessively vicious conduct; thirdly, abandonment and desertion; and the court may decree such divorces forever, or for a limited time; and in all cases where divorce A MENSA ET THORO is decreed, it may be revoked at any time thereafter by the court granting the same, upon the joint application of the parties to be discharged from the operation of the decree; and the court may decree a divorce A MENSA ET THORO in cases where a divorce a vinculo matrimonii is prayed, if the causes proved be sufficient to entitle the party to the same; and in all cases where a divorce is decreed, the court passing the same shall have full power to award to the wife such property or estate as she had when married, or the value of the same, or of such part thereof as may have been sold or converted by the husband, having regard to the circumstances of the husband at the time of the divorce, or such part of any such property as the court may deem reasonable; and shall also have power in all cases in which the care and custody of the children of parties forms part of the relief prayed whether a divorce is decreed or denied to order and direct who shall have the guardianship and custody of the children, and be charged with their support and maintenance and may at any time thereafter annul, vary or modify such order in relation to the children.

Approved April 16, 1920.

CHAPTER 575.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 6 of Chapter 38 of the Acts of 1917, of the Public Local Laws for Anne Arundel County, title, "Justices of the Peace."