

## CHAPTER 474.

(House Bill 561)

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 10 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition), title "Attorneys at Law and Attorneys in Fact", sub-title "Who May Not Practice Law", said new section to be known as Section 18A and to follow immediately after Section 18 of said Article, making unlawful certain acts of certain officials, their deputies, assistants or employees, of Washington County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 10 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition), title "Attorneys at Law and Attorneys in Fact", sub-title "Who May Not Practice Law", said new section to be known as Section 18A, to follow immediately after Section 18 of said Article, and to read as follows:

18A. It shall be unlawful for any Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff, Warden or keeper of any Jail or any of his deputies, or any Register of Wills or Clerk of any Court or Deputy Register or Clerk, or Assistant Clerk, appointee or employee of any Register of Wills or Clerk of any Court or Judge of the Orphans' Court of Washington County, during the term of his office or employment, and whether duly admitted to the practice of law or not, directly or indirectly, to provide, prepare or assist in the preparation of any paper, form, instrument or document to be filed in or affecting or pertaining to any cause, cause of action, proceeding or matter pending or which may thereafter come before any Court of Record of said Washington County, or to give any advice with reference thereto, whether for any fee, gratuity, gift or reward or not, except in any such cause, cause of action, proceeding or matter in which he is a party or in the result of which he has a property interest; the doing of any of the acts made unlawful by this section shall be deemed to be practicing law; provided, however, that the performance of any positive duty imposed by law upon any of the persons hereinabove named shall not constitute a violation of the terms of this section.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1939.

Approved May 24, 1939.