

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1945.

Approved April 27, 1945.

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CHAPTER 813.

(House Bill 534)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 279 of Article 93 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Testamentary Law", sub-title "Register of Wills", providing for leaves of absence of registers of wills in military service of the United States during time of war, appointment of Deputy Register of Wills, bond and salary of such Deputy Register of Wills and authorizing such Deputy to perform the duties of the office of Register of Wills.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 279 of Article 93 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Testamentary Law", sub-title "Register of Wills", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

279. He shall attend his office daily in person or by deputy unless prevented by sickness, accident or necessity for the dispatch of office business; he shall lodge every original paper and record made up by him in some repository of the court house of the county or city, or in such other place of safety as the said court may appoint; and the County Commissioners of the county and Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall provide and keep in repair the said repository at the charge of the county or city. During his term of office any register of wills absent in the military service of the United States government during time of war shall be considered on leave of absence without pay while in such military service and for ninety days thereafter. For the period of such absence the duly appointed and qualified Deputy Register of Wills shall, after giving bond as prescribed in Section 273 of this sub-title, perform all the duties of the office of Register of Wills and receive the salary provided by law for that office.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed upon by yea and nay vote, supported by three-