

and to follow immediately after Section 78 of said Article, relating to sealing the records and papers in adoption proceedings.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 16 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Chancery", sub-title "Infants", said new section to be known as Section 78A, and to follow immediately after Section 78 of said Article, and to read as follows:

78A. Records and papers in adoption proceedings, after the petition is filed and prior to the entry of a final decree, shall be open to inspection only upon an order of the court. In any adoption case where there has heretofore been an entry of a final decree or hereafter there is an entry of a final decree, the court shall, on motion of any of the parties, seal all papers in the proceedings. Said seals shall not be broken, and said papers shall not be inspected by any person, including the parties to the proceeding, except upon order of the court.

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

Approved March 24, 1945.

CHAPTER 344.

(House Bill 356)

AN ACT to repeal Sections 284-288, inclusive, of Article 10 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Dorchester County", sub-title "Elections", said sections relating to the number of ballots to be printed.

WHEREAS, the provisions of these sections have been superseded by the general election laws; therefore

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sections 284-288, inclusive, of Article 10 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Dorchester County", sub-title "Elections", be and they are hereby repealed.

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

Approved March 24, 1945: