

## CHAPTER 402.

(Senate Bill 326)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 273 and 274 of Article 93 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Ed.), and to repeal Section 275 of Article 93 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supp.), title "Testamentary Law," sub-title "Register of Wills," relating to his bond.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 273 and 274 of Article 93 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Ed.), title "Testamentary Law," sub-title "Register of Wills," be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, so as to read as follows:

273. Beginning with November 5, 1946, the register of wills in each county, before he acts as such, shall give bond in the penal sum of fourteen thousand dollars, payable to this State, with condition that he faithfully perform the duties of his office and account for all funds received under color of his office, which bond shall be taken and security or securities approved by the judges of the orphans' court and recorded in the office of the clerk of the circuit court for the county of which he is register, and thereafter filed with the State Comptroller; and every register shall give a new bond in like manner on or before the first day of December of the second year following his qualification in office.

274. On default of any register of wills to execute any bond required by the preceding section within the time therein prescribed, he shall be subject to a penalty of one thousand dollars to be recovered by indictment in the name of the State in the circuit court for the county in which he shall reside; or, if he reside in the city of Baltimore, by indictment in the criminal court of Baltimore.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That Section 275 of Article 93 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supp.), title "Testamentary Law," sub-title "Register of Wills," be and it is hereby repealed.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect on June 1, 1945.

Approved March 29, 1945.