

(e) The word "person" shall include corporations and partnerships.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1949.

Approved April 29, 1949.

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CHAPTER 456

(Senate Bill 320)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 281 of Article 16 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Chancery", sub-title "Witnesses and Testimony", relating to the number of examiners to be appointed by the several Equity Courts.

SECTION 1. *Beit enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 281 of Article 16 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Chancery", sub-title "Witnesses and Testimony", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

281. Except where testimony is to be taken beyond the limits of the State, or beyond the limits of the county or city for which the Court exercises jurisdiction, no commissions to take testimony shall issue. The Circuit Court for each of the counties, and the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City shall each appoint two or three experienced and competent examiners, who shall, upon qualification, be officers of the Court; and for any special reason, a special examiner may be appointed; provided that the Circuit Court for Prince George's County may appoint four such examiners and provided further that the Circuit Court for Montgomery County may appoint as many such examiners as in the Court's discretion may be necessary for the proper conduct of the Court's business. These examiners shall have authority to issue subpoenas for witnesses, administer oaths, notify parties of the time of their sittings, and to preserve order and decorum during their sessions. Any person refusing to obey subpoenas issued by such examiners, or who shall be guilty of violating the order and proper decorum of the sessions of said examiners while in the discharge of their duties shall be reported by the examiners, together with the facts of the case, to the Court; and upon hearing, the Court, if satis-