

notwithstanding the provisions of this section, be valid and binding, and of full force and effect both at law and in equity, between the original parties to such lease. All such deeds shall be acknowledged before some one of the officers named in sections [four, five, six and seven of this Article] 10, 11 and 12 of Article 18, and any unmarried woman between the age of eighteen years and twenty-one years, shall have power to make a deed of trust of her property, real, personal, or mixed; provided, the same shall be approved and sanctioned by a court having equity jurisdiction in the city or county where the grantor resides, upon the petition of said grantor, and such proof as the court in its discretion may require.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That Sections 1 to 8, inclusive, of Article 18 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition) title "Acknowledgments," be and they are hereby repealed and that Sections 11, 17(b) and 18 of said Article 18 (1951 Edition), sub-title "Uniform Acknowledgments Act," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and that a new section be and it is hereby added to said Article 18, said new section to be known as Section 18A, to follow immediately after Section 18 of said Article, and all to read as follows:

11. (Acknowledgment Within the United States.) The acknowledgment of any instrument may be made without the State but within the United States or a territory or insular possession of the United States or the District of Columbia [or the Philippine Islands] and within the jurisdiction of the officer, before:

- (1) A Clerk or Deputy Clerk of any Federal Court;
- (2) A Clerk or Deputy Clerk of any court of record of any State or other jurisdiction;
- (3) A Notary Public.

17. (Authentication of Acknowledgments.)

(b) If the acknowledgment is taken without this State, but in the United States, a territory or insular possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia [, or the Philippine Islands, the certificate shall], *no authentication shall be necessary. The certificate may, however, be authenticated by a certificate as to the official character of such officer, executed, if the acknowledgment is taken by a Clerk or Deputy Clerk of a court, by the presiding judge of the court, or, if the acknowledgment is taken by a Notary Public, by a Clerk of a Court of Record of the County,*