

CHAPTER 106.

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AN ACT amendatory of the act of December session, Passed March  
eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, chapter ninety- 24, 1852.  
seven, entitled, an act to authorise the appointment  
of Commissioners to take the acknowledgment of  
deeds and instruments of writing under seal, out of  
the State of Maryland.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly* Commission-  
ers to be ap-  
pointed bienn-  
nially.  
of Maryland, That hereafter the commissioners au-  
thorised by virtue of the act of December session, eigh-  
teen hundred and thirty-seven, chapter ninety-seven,  
entitled, an act to authorise the appointment of com-  
missioners to take the acknowledgment of deeds and  
instruments of writing under seal out of the State of  
Maryland, shall be appointed biennially, and shall  
hold their office by the same tenures, as other civil  
officers of this State, appointed in pursuance of the  
provisions of section fourteen, of article second of the  
Constitution.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That all commissions Commissions  
to continue in  
force until 1st  
Monday in  
May.  
heretofore issued by the Executive authority of this  
State, to any commissioners to take the acknowledg-  
ment of deeds, and instruments of writing under seal,  
out of the State of Maryland, shall unless sooner recall-  
ed and vacated by the Governor, continue and be in  
full force and authority, until the first Monday of May  
next, and until their successors are appointed and duly  
qualified according to law, and the Governor shall  
forthwith cause a copy of this act to be forwarded to  
each of the said commissioners, whose appointment has  
not been heretofore revoked or superseded.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That before proceeding Official seal to  
be prepared by  
commissioner,  
&c.  
to execute any of the duties imposed, by the act of  
which this is amendatory, each commissioner appoint-  
ed as aforesaid, shall in addition to the oath or affirma-  
tion required by the third section of said act, cause to  
be prepared an official seal, a distinct impression of  
which taken upon wax, or some other substance capa-  
ble of receiving and retaining a clear impression, together  
with his signature in his own proper hand writing  
thereto attached, shall with the affidavit aforesaid, be  
transmitted to, and filed in the office of the Secretary  
of State.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the Secretary of  
State, to make  
entry of quali-  
fication.  
duty of the Secretary of State, immediately upon the  
receipt of the evidence of qualification, provided for in