

WHEREAS, Chapter 624 of the Acts of 1949 authorized the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City in its discretion to direct that the offices of the several clerks of court may be closed for the transaction of business on Saturdays, and

WHEREAS, although there is no doubt as to the present effectiveness of Chapter 624 of 1949, it is desirable to repeal and re-enact this section of the Code in order to incorporate these provisions in the Code at the same time continuing the amendment to this section which was made by Chapter 163 of the Acts of 1953, and

WHEREAS, unless such a corrective act is passed, the omission in the 1951 Code probably would be perpetuated in future editions of the Code; ~~now therefore~~ AND WHEREAS THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION ALSO ARE TO BE EXTENDED TO CERTAIN OTHER COUNTIES AND THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH CLERKS' OFFICES IN DESIGNATED COUNTIES MAY BE CLOSED ARE TO BE CHANGED; NOW THEREFORE

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 8 of Article 17 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1954 Supplement), title "Clerks of Court", sub-title "General Duties of Clerks", be and it is hereby repealed and that a new Section 8 be and it is hereby enacted in lieu thereof, to stand in the place and stead of the section so repealed and to read as follows:

8. *Clerks to be at office every day; exceptions. Every clerk shall attend at his office for the transaction of the business thereof every day except Sundays and legal holidays either in person or by deputy, unless prevented by sickness, accident or necessity, except that the office of clerk of the circuit court for Dorchester, Montgomery and Wicomico counties may at the discretion of the clerk be closed on Saturdays.* CIRCUIT COURTS OF CAROLINE, DORCHESTER, MONTGOMERY, PRINCE GEORGE'S, WICOMICO, AND WORCESTER, AND SOMERSET COUNTIES, RESPECTIVELY, MAY AT THE DISCRETION OF ANY SUCH COURT DIRECT THAT THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT OF SUCH COUNTY SHALL BE CLOSED FOR THE TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS ON SATURDAYS. *In Baltimore City, the Supreme Bench may at its discretion direct that all offices of such clerks shall be closed for the transaction of business on Saturdays.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1955.

Approved March 24, 1955.

CHAPTER 89

(Senate Bill 90)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 277, 279, 280 and 285 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Mary-

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.