

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That nothing in the aforementioned section as hereby amended shall be construed or held to affect or control any violation of this section occurring prior to June 1, 1955, or the prosecution thereof, but each such violation and prosecution thereof shall be governed by the provision of said section as it read and was in effect at the time such violation occurred.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1955.

Approved February 22, 1955.

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CHAPTER 20

(Senate Bill 77)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 7 of Article 51 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1954 Supplement), title "Juries", sub-title "Qualification and Selection of Jurors", providing for the service of women on juries in St. Mary's County and relating generally to the terms and conditions of such service.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 7 of Article 51 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1954 Supplement), title "Juries", sub-title "Qualification and Selection of Jurors", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

7. Hereafter no person shall be disqualified for service as a juror in this State by reason of sex, but the provisions of law relating to the qualifications of jurors and exemption from jury duty shall in all cases apply to women as well as men, and the lists from which jurors are drawn shall include the names of men and women. The provisions of this section shall not apply to Calvert, Carroll, Garrett, Howard, [St. Mary's] and Kent Counties. In *St. Mary's*, Worcester and in Charles Counties jury duty for women shall be optional; and any woman whose name is drawn for jury duty shall be excused therefrom upon her request, provided her said request is filed in writing with the clerk of the circuit court within ten days of the date she is officially notified of her selection.

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

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CHAPTER 21

(Senate Bill 97)

AN ACT to add Section 219A to Article 5 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Calvert County", sub-

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.