

## CHAPTER 586

(Senate Bill 400)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 3 and 4 of Article 10 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), AND 1954 SUPPLEMENT), title "Attorneys at Law and Attorneys in Fact", sub-title "Admission to the Bar", relating generally to the requirements for admission to the Bar of Maryland.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 3 and 4 of Article 10 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), AND 1954 SUPPLEMENT), title "Attorneys at Law and Attorneys in Fact", sub-title "Admission to the Bar", be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Sec. 3. (a) [Prior to June 1, 1940, any] *Any* person in this State desiring to begin the study of law for the purpose of admission to the Bar shall first file with the State Board of Law Examiners an application for registration as a law student, and at the same time shall file therewith a certificate showing that he or she has completed a course of study substantially equivalent to a high school education in Maryland; the following shall be accepted as satisfactory proof of compliance with the requirements of this section: Filing evidence with the State Board of Law Examiners that the applicant has (a) graduated from any high school approved by the Maryland State Department of Education, or (b) [passed an examination conducted under the supervision of the State Board of Law Examiners only in the subjects now being given by the State Board of Law Examiners as] *obtained a certificate from the Maryland State Department of Education that the applicant possesses the equivalent of a high school education, or (c) completed the university or college work as required under Section 4. [If the applicant shall pass such an examination he or she shall be entitled to registration as a law student.]*

Nunc pro tunc registration may be permitted if the candidate had the requisite education at the date as of which [he] *the candidate* desires to be registered, *that is to say, if such nunc pro tunc registration is (1) prior to June 1, 1940 the applicant has completed a course of study substantially equivalent to a high school education in Maryland, (2) subsequent to June 1, 1940 but prior to June 1, 1941 the applicant, in addition to such high school education, has successfully completed one year of college work or its equivalent as provided in the existing law, and (3) subsequent to June 1, 1941 but prior to June 1, 1957 the applicant, in addition to such high school education, has successfully completed two years of college work or its equivalent as provided in the existing law, and there has been no laches on [his] the candidate's part, said matters to be determined by the State Board of Law Examiners. [; provided, however, that any person over the age of 40 50 years, who was a resident of the State of Maryland on June 1, 1918, may register as a law student on or before November 1, 1939, JULY 1, 1955, under the provisions of the law for admission to the Bar as existed prior to June 1, 1918.]*

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.