

(1956 Supplement), title "Comptroller" be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

1. Qualification and salary.

The Comptroller shall file his bond and qualify by making the declaration and taking the oath required by the Constitution and laws of this State, before the Governor, on the third Monday of January next ensuing his election, or as soon thereafter as practicable; and from and after the third Monday of January, 1955, the said Comptroller shall receive a salary of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00), per annum, payable monthly. *Provided, however, that from and after the third Monday of January, 1959, the said Comptroller shall receive a salary of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) per annum payable monthly.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1957.

Approved April 10, 1957.

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CHAPTER 680

(House Bill 769)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 17 of Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1956 Supplement), title "Revenue and Taxes", sub-title "Method of Assessment", relating to the method of assessment of lands which are actively devoted to farm or agricultural uses.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 17 of Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1956 Supplement), title "Revenue and Taxes", sub-title "Method of Assessment", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

17. Real estate, improvements, mineral rights, sub-divisions in Charles and Calvert counties; farm land. (a) In valuing and assessing real estate, the land itself and the buildings or other improvements thereon shall be valued and assessed separately; and buildings or improvements not substantially completed on the date of finality shall not be assessed at all. In case of the separate ownership of the surface of land and of minerals or mineral rights therein, the assessing authority may, in its discretion, make separate assessments of the value of the surface and of such minerals or mineral rights. In Charles County, and in Calvert County land which is planned or projected for subdivision use shall not be assessed as subdivided units until actually conveyed as such.

(b) Lands which are actively devoted to farm or agricultural use shall be assessed on the basis of such use, and shall not be assessed

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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.