

CHAPTER 129

(House Bill 288)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 7 of Article 51 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1956 Supplement), title "Juries", sub-title "Qualification and Selection of Jurors", providing that jury duty for women shall be optional in Calvert County and relating generally to the procedure therefor.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 7 of Article 51 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1956 Supplement), title "Juries", sub-title "Qualification and Selection of Jurors", be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

7. Women as jurors.

Hereafter no person shall be disqualified for service as a juror of 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~~, Garrett and Howard counties. In *Calvert*, 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, 1957.

Approved March 1, 1957.

CHAPTER 130

(House Bill 339)

AN ACT to add new Section 127A to Article 25 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "County Commissioners", sub-title "Public Roads", said new section to follow immediately after Section 127 thereof, giving the County Commissioners of Washington County the power of condemnation for the purpose of building new roads and improving existing roads.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 127A be and it is hereby added to Article 25 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "County Commis-

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.