

subdivision, provided such requirements or restrictions do not authorize the violation of the then effective zoning ordinance of the municipality. Such requirement or restrictions shall be stated upon the plat prior to the approval and recording thereof and shall have the same force of law and be enforceable in the same manner and with the same sanctions and penalties and subject to the same power of amendment or repeal as though set out as a part of the zoning ordinance or map of the municipality.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1961.

Approved April 24, 1961.

CHAPTER 273

(Senate Bill 224)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 12 of Article 35 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Evidence", sub-title "Competency of Witnesses", providing that the provisions of this section authorizing the comparison of disputed writings by witnesses shall be applicable in the trial of criminal cases.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 12 of Article 35 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Evidence", sub-title "Competency of Witnesses", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

12. In every suit or action at law or in equity or in any criminal proceeding in which it may be necessary to prove the execution of any instrument of writing whatsoever, attested by a subscribing witness or witnesses, it shall be lawful to prove the execution of such instrument of writing in the same manner and by the same evidence that the same might be proved by if not attested by a subscribing witness; but this shall not apply to the proof of the execution of any last will and testament. Comparison of a disputed writing with any writing proved to the satisfaction of the court to be genuine shall be permitted to be made by witnesses, and such writings and the evidence of witnesses respecting the same may be submitted to the court and jury, or the court, as the case may be, as evidence of the genuineness or otherwise of the writing in dispute.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1961.

Approved April 24, 1961.

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.