

title "Clerks of Courts", sub-title "General Duties of Clerks", and to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 293 of Article 93 of the said Code, title "Testamentary Law", sub-title "Register of Wills", and to add new Section 203A to the Code of Public Local Laws of Washington County (1957 Edition, being Article 22 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Washington County", sub-title "County Commissioners", to follow immediately after Section 203 thereof, relating to the hours and days of working in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court and the Register of Wills in Washington County and in county offices in the county.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 8 of Article 17 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1960 Supplement), title "Clerks of Courts", sub-title "General Duties of Clerks", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

8.

Every clerk shall attend at his office for the transaction of the business thereof every day except Sundays and legal holidays either in person or by deputy, unless prevented by sickness, accident or necessity, except that the circuit courts of Allegany, Caroline, Dorchester, Frederick, Montgomery, Prince George's, *Washington*, Wicomico, Worcester, and Somerset counties, respectively, may at the discretion of any such court direct that the office of the clerk of court of such county shall be closed for the transaction of business on Saturdays. In Baltimore City, the Supreme Bench may at its discretion direct that all offices of such clerks shall be closed for the transaction of business on Saturdays.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That Section 293 of Article 93 of the said Code, title "Testamentary Law", sub-title "Register of Wills", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

293.

He shall attend his office daily in person or by deputy unless prevented by sickness, accident or necessity for the dispatch of office business; provided, that the offices of the register of wills for Allegany, Caroline, Dorchester, Frederick, Montgomery, *Washington*, Wicomico, Somerset and Worcester counties may, at the discretion of the register of wills in each such county, be closed on Saturdays; he shall lodge every original paper and record made up by him in some repository of the courthouse of the county or city, or in such other place of safety as the said court may appoint; and the county commissioners of the county and mayor and city council of Baltimore shall provide and keep in repair the said repository at the charge of the county or city. During his term of office any register of wills absent in the military service of the United States government during time of war shall be considered on leave of absence without pay while in such military service and for ninety days thereafter. For the period of such absence the duly appointed and qualified deputy register of wills shall, after giving bond as prescribed in Section 288 of this sub-title, perform all the duties of the office of register of wills and receive the salary provided by law for that office.