

CHAPTER 102

(House Bill 87)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 293 of Article 93 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1960 Supplement), title "Testamentary Law", sub-title "Register of Wills", to add Anne Arundel County AND HOWARD COUNTY to the list of counties in which the office of the Register of Wills may be closed on Saturdays, at the discretion of the Register of Wills of such counties, AND FURTHER PROVIDING THAT IN HOWARD COUNTY THE REGISTER OF WILLS SHALL ATTEND HIS OFFICE NOT LESS THAN THIRTY-EIGHT HOURS IN EACH WEEK.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 293 of Article 93 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1960 Supplement), title "Testamentary Law", sub-title "Register of Wills", be and is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and to read as follows: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, Wicomico, Somerset [and], Worcester, HOWARD, and Anne Arundel 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 subtitle, perform all the duties of the office of register of wills and receive the salary provided by law for that office. PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT IN HOWARD COUNTY THE REGISTER OF WILLS SHALL ATTEND HIS OFFICE AS AFORESAID AT LEAST THIRTY-EIGHT HOURS IN EACH WEEK, LEGAL HOLIDAYS EXCEPTED.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and having been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of the members elected

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.