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CHAPTER 103

(House Bill 88)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 8 of Article 17 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1960 Supplement) title "Clerks of Courts", sub-title "General Duties of Clerks", to add Anne Arundel County AND HOWARD COUNTY to the list of Counties in which the office of the clerk of the circuit courts of such counties shall be closed for the transaction of business on Saturdays, at the discretion of the Circuit Courts of such counties, AND FURTHER PROVIDING THAT IN HOWARD COUNTY THE CLERK SHALL ATTEND AT HIS OFFICE NOT LESS THAN THIRTY-EIGHT HOURS IN EACH WEEK.

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Code of Maryland (1960 Supplement), title "Clerks of Courts", sub-title "General Duties of Clerks", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and to read as follows: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, HOWARD, Montgomery, Prince George's, Wicomico, Worcester, [and] Somerset, and Anne Arundel 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. PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT IN HOWARD COUNTY THE CLERK SHALL ATTEND AT HIS OFFICE AS AFORESAID AT LEAST THIRTY-EIGHT HOURS IN EACH WEEK, LEGAL HOLIDAYS EXCEPTED. 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 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 to each of the two houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

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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.