

CHAPTER 162

(House Bill 21)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 1 of Article 68 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1963 Supplement), title "Notaries Public," to provide for the term of office of notaries public and fixing the time for the beginning of the term of office, AND PROVIDING FOR A CONTINGENCY AS TO THE EFFECT OF THIS ACT.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 1 of Article 68 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1963 Supplement), title "Notaries Public," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

1.

The Governor on the approval of the application by the Senator of the county or legislative district of Baltimore City in which the applicant resides, shall appoint and commission in his discretion and judgment any number of persons, male or female, at least eighteen (18) years of age, of known good character, and integrity and abilities, citizens of the United States, and who have resided in this State two (2) years previous to their appointments as notaries public for the State of Maryland; provided that such residence requirement shall not be applicable to persons appointed as an official court reporter by any court of Baltimore City. *The term of office of notaries public shall be for ~~four~~ TWO years from the first day of July of the year in which appointed.* In the case of a person who is holding a notary's commission and wishes to renew it, a formal application for renewal is not necessary; in such event a notification to the Secretary of State of the name and address of the person, together with the written approval of the Senator of the county or legislative district, is a sufficient application for renewal, and the renewal shall be issued subject to the other provisions of this article. Notification of renewals of notary commissions shall be mailed to the notaries public in envelopes addressed by the office of the Secretary of State when requested by the State Senator. When addressed envelopes are not so requested, lists of notaries public receiving renewed commissions shall be delivered to each State Senator.

No distinction shall be made between male and female applicants, who shall take the oath of office before the clerk of the circuit court for each of the counties in the State, and the clerk of the Superior Court in Baltimore City, respectively, and shall receive a commission signed by the Governor and Secretary of State under the great seal of the State. They shall pay the sum of ~~five (\$5) dollars~~ ~~TEN DOLLARS (\$10)~~ FIVE (\$5) DOLLARS for each commission so issued, to the treasury of the State of Maryland, and the further sum of ~~fifty cents (50¢)~~ ~~ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00)~~ FIFTY CENTS (50¢) to the clerk for the registration of the name and address of each of the said notaries public.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect ~~June 1, 1964,~~ JANUARY 1, 1965, PROVIDED THAT PRIOR TO THAT TIME THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS PROPOSED