

commissions issued, and full power and authority are hereby vested in each of said judges so designated and commissioned as chief judge to act as such chief judge, and all writs and other process tested in the names of said chief judges respectively are hereby declared valid to all intents and purposes, as if this section had been in force when the same were issued; *provided, however, that this Section shall not apply with respect to the Orphans' Court for Montgomery County.*

257.

The orphans' court, unless a different time is prescribed by the local law, shall be held by each county and the City of Baltimore, at the usual place of holding the court of said county or city, on the second Tuesday in every month of February, April, June, August, October and December, and oftener if need be, according to its own adjournment; and any one of the judges of the said court, in the absence of the others shall have power to hold the said court at a stated time of adjournment only for the purpose of adjourning; any two of them shall have full power to do any act which the said court is or shall be authorized by law to perform, and any two of them shall have power to hold the court on any day not named in an adjournment, on the application of any person having pressing business in the said court; provided, notice thereof be given to all, and in such case the register shall record that such notice hath been given. Any one of the judges, in the absence of the others on account of prolonged illness, or in case of vacancy, shall have full power to do any act which the said court is authorized by law to do, provided there be attached to the proceedings or papers in each case a certificate signed by the register of wills, certifying to the vacancy or to the illness or inability of the judge or judges not attending said court on said day. *Provided, however, that in Montgomery County any Judge of the Circuit Court for Montgomery County at the time sitting as the Orphans' Court for said County shall have full power to do any act which the Orphans' Court of said County is or shall be authorized by law to perform, including the power to hold the court on any day not named in an adjournment as hereinbefore provided.*

288.

Beginning with November 5, 1946, the register of wills in each county, before he acts as such, shall give bond to the State of Maryland in the penal sum of fourteen thousand dollars, and the Register of Wills of Baltimore City, before he acts as such, shall give bond to the State of Maryland in the penal sum of thirty thousand dollars; said bonds shall be given by each of said registers, respectively, with condition that he faithfully perform the duties of his office and account for all funds received under color of his office, which bond shall be taken and security or securities approved by the judges of the orphans' court of which he is register and recorded in the office of the clerk of the circuit court for the county or Baltimore City of which he is register, and thereafter filed with the State Comptroller; and every register shall give a new bond in like manner on or before the first day of December of the second year following his qualification in office; *provided, however, that the bond of the Register of Wills of Montgomery County shall be taken and security or securities approved by the Judge of the Circuit Court for Montgomery County at the time sitting as the Orphans' Court for Montgomery County.*