

*both* of which shall be jury terms [and two of which shall be non-jury terms]. The two [jury] terms shall commence [as follows: On] on the first Monday in April and the first Monday in October, respectively, in each year; and to each of said terms juries shall be summoned and returned in the mode and manner prescribed by the law; [and the two remaining terms of said court shall commence on the first Monday in January and on the first Monday of July in each year, to which no jury shall be summoned; and said court shall transact thereat any business which may be transacted without the intervention of a jury;] provided, however, when any of the above mentioned days shall fall on [the first day of January, the fourth day of July, or on] a day set apart by the laws of Maryland as a legal holiday, the term of court so falling thereon shall begin on the day next succeeding, and writs and processes and appearances to writs and processes issued out of said court shall be returnable accordingly; and in the trial of any case in said court on either the law or equity side thereof, the Judges or Judge presiding shall have the power and authority to employ a stenographer or shorthand reporter to take down the proceedings, including the testimony and opinion of the court, for the use of the court; and the County Commissioners shall levy such compensation for the service of said stenographer or shorthand reporter as the court or judge thereof shall approve of.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1966.

Approved March 23, 1966.

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CHAPTER 66

(House Bill 176)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 8 of Article 51 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), title "Juries," subtitle "Qualification and Selection of Jurors," to eliminate Garrett County from the list of counties giving women the option to be excused from jury duties.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 8 of Article 51 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), title "Juries," subtitle "Qualification and Selection of Jurors," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

8.

Hereafter no person shall be disqualified for service as a juror of this State by reason of sex, but the provisions of law relating to the qualifications of jurors and exemption from jury duty shall in all cases apply to women as well as men, and the lists from which jurors are drawn shall include the names of men and women. In Calvert, [Garrett,] St. Mary's and Charles counties jury duty for women shall be optional; and any woman whose name is drawn for jury duty shall be excused therefrom upon her request, provided her said