

CHAPTER 451

(Senate Bill 235)

AN ACT to repeal Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 12, 13, 16, 21, 24, and 27 of Article 19 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume), title "Comptroller", subtitle "In General", and to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 1, 2, 8, 9, 11, 23, and 26 of said Article and subtitle to increase the amount of the bond to be filed by the Comptroller of the Treasury, to provide that the Comptroller may designate as many deputy Comptrollers as he may deem necessary, and to generally simplify and modernize the provisions of said subtitle pertaining to the method of payment of the salary of the Comptroller, the Comptroller's bond, the reports required to be rendered and the records required to be kept by the Comptroller, and the general operations of the Comptroller's office, and to repeal obsolete and repetitious provisions of said subtitle.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 12, 13, 16, 21, 24, and 27 of Article 19 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume), title "Comptroller", subtitle "In General", be and they are hereby repealed and that Sections 1, 2, 8, 9, 11, 23, and 26 of said Article and subtitle be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

1.

The Comptroller shall file his bond and qualify by making the declaration and taking the oath required by the Constitution and laws of this State, before the Governor, on the third Monday of January next ensuing his election, or as soon thereafter as practicable; and from and after the third Monday of January, 1967, the said Comptroller shall receive a salary of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) per annum [, payable monthly].

2.

Before entering upon the discharge of his duties, [he] *the Comptroller* shall give bond to the State of Maryland, with security or securities approved by the Governor, in the penalty of [fifty thousand] *two hundred thousand* dollars, with condition that he will [truly and] faithfully discharge [, execute and perform] all and singular the duties of [him required, and which may be required by the Constitution and laws] *his office and will account for all funds received under color of his office. The bond of the Comptroller, when duly executed and approved, shall be recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Appeals, and certified copies, under the seal of said court, may be used in evidence in any court in this State.*

8.

He may employ clerks, assistants and other help, in such numbers and at such salaries as may be provided for by the budget of appropriations, all of whom shall perform such duties as may be assigned to them from time to time by the Comptroller. He may designate one of his clerks or assistants as chief deputy comptroller[s] and