

“Qualification and Selection of Jurors”, to follow immediately after Section 8 thereof, revising the laws relating to the selection of jurors by prohibiting disqualification by reason of beliefs against capital punishment.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Section 8A be and it is hereby added to Article 51 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), title “Juries”, subtitle “Qualification and Selection of Jurors”, to follow immediately after Section 8 thereof, and to read as follows:

8A.

*Hereafter no person shall be disqualified for service as a juror of this State by reason of his beliefs against capital punishment.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1967.

Approved April 21, 1967.

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## CHAPTER 501

(Senate Bill 407)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 72 of Article 16 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume), title “Chancery”, subtitle “Adoption”, to provide for guardianship with consent to long-term care of children short of adoption.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 72 of Article 16 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume), title “Chancery”, subtitle “Adoption”, be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

72.

(a) A petition for adoption, as hereinafter described, may be preceded by a petition for guardianship with the right to consent to adoption, and such guardianship decree, which the courts having jurisdiction of adoption matters may require and shall have power to grant after such hearing and investigation as the court may deem appropriate, shall terminate natural parental rights, and the duly appointed guardian’s consent to an adoption, for which the petition may be filed in the same proceeding, shall eliminate the necessity of further notice to the natural parent or parents. In all respects not mentioned in this section, adoption proceedings preceded by a guardianship petition, as herein described, shall conform to the procedure outlined in this subtitle and in the Maryland Rules for adoptions generally.

(b) *Any person permitted to file a petition under subsection (a) of this section may file a petition for guardianship with the right to consent to long-term care short of adoption. Said petition may be filed*