

CHAPTER 490

(Senate Bill 18)

AN ACT to repeal Section 1 of Article 68 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Supplement), title "Notaries Public," and to enact a new Section 1 in lieu thereof, to stand in the place of the section so repealed AND TO REPEAL SECTIONS 1A, 1B, AND 2; ~~and to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 7 of the said Article of the Code;~~ to revise the procedure for appointing and qualifying notaries public in this State, to change the qualifications for appointment, to change the method of renewing notarial commissions, to authorize the removal of notaries for good cause, and to correct errors in the law applicable to notaries public.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 1 of Article 68 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Supplement), title "Notaries Public," be and it is hereby repealed and that a new Section 1 be and it is hereby enacted in lieu thereof, to stand in the place of the section so repealed AND TO REPEAL SECTIONS 1A, 1B AND 2; that Section 7 of the said Article of the Code be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and all to read as follows:*

1.

(a) *The Governor shall appoint and commission in his discretion and judgment any number of persons as notaries public as provided herein. Notaries shall be appointed from the General Assembly senatorial districts into which the State may be divided from time to time and in which the notary resides, and, if any district has been divided into subdistricts, then from the subdistrict in which the notary resides* COUNTY IN WHICH THE APPLICANT RESIDES.

(b) *The appointments are made by the Governor for a term of two years from the first day of July in the year 1969 and in every second year thereafter.*

(c)(1) *Applications for appointment as a notary public shall be obtained from AND APPROVED IN WRITING BY any State Senator elected from REPRESENTING the senatorial district or AND subdistrict in which the applicant resides. Each application shall be under oath, shall be approved by the signature of the State Senator and shall contain the following information:*

(i) *That the applicant is at least 18 years of age;*

(ii) *That he is a citizen of the United States, has resided in this State for a period of two years prior to his appointment as a notary, and that he resides in the senatorial district or AND subdistrict from which he seeks appointment* OF THE SENATOR APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT;

(iii) *That he is a person of good moral character and integrity and has not been convicted of any offense involving moral turpitude* FOR WHICH A PARDON HAS NOT BEEN GRANTED.

In addition, each application shall contain the signatures AND ADDRESSES of two persons who reside in the State of Maryland who shall state that the applicant is of good moral character and