

[None of] The employees [directory and supervisory personnel] of the Office, *except the Director and Deputy Director*, shall be subject to the provisions contained in Article 64A of the Code, title "Merit System."

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1969.

Approved April 23, 1969.

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CHAPTER 307

(House Bill 448)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 17(b) of Article 54 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, (1968 Replacement Volume and 1968 Supplement), title "Hall of Records," amending the laws concerning warrants for land patents in order to correct an error therein.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 17(b) of Article 54 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, (1968 Replacement Volume and 1968 Supplement), title "Hall of Records," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendment, to read as follows:

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(b) Contents of warrant.—When an application has been filed, the Commissioner shall issue his warrant to the surveyor named in the application. The warrant shall recite the name and address of the applicant, the date on which the application was filed, the nature of the request made in the application, and a description of the alleged vacant land and/or the land to be resurveyed as described in the application. The warrant shall authorize and direct the surveyor to lay out and carefully survey the vacant land and/or to resurvey the land described therein. It shall enjoin the surveyor to prepare an accurate plat and description by metes and bounds of the alleged vacant land and/or land to be resurveyed; to run no lines within the lines of any former patent; to correct any errors in the original survey of any land to be resurveyed; to compute the area of any vacant land comprehended within the description and plat so prepared; and to return his certificate thereon to the Commissioner within six months from the date of the warrant. The warrant shall be signed by the Commissioner and his seal affixed thereto.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1969.

Approved April 23, 1969.