

County (1963 Edition) as amended, being Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Prince George's County" subtitle "Domestic Relations Causes" to provide that one or more persons may be appointed as Master for domestic relations causes in Prince George's County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 24A-1 of subtitle 24A of the Code of Public Local Laws of Prince George's County (1963 Edition), as amended, being Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Prince George's County" subtitle "Domestic Relations Causes" be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

24A-1.

The circuit court for Prince George's County is authorized and empowered to designate, and appoint and employ, AS PROVIDED IN THE BUDGET OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, [no more than two] *one or more* qualified persons to be known as the master or masters for domestic relations causes of the circuit court of Prince George's County for the purpose of hearing such cases of a domestic relations nature and performing other similar and related duties as may be from time to time prescribed by said court. Persons so employed shall be members of the bar of the State of Maryland and shall receive an annual salary provided by the [county commissioners] ~~county council~~ COUNTY EXECUTIVE of Prince George's County in such amount as ~~they~~ HE may from time to time prescribe after consultation with the court; and the clerk of the circuit court for Prince George's County shall reimburse the said COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND [county commissioners] ~~county council~~ for salary so paid from the costs collected pursuant to Section 24A-4 of this subtitle.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1971.

Approved May 17, 1971.

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CHAPTER 605

(House Bill 1218)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments Section 18-5(a) of the Code of Public Local Laws of Prince George's County (1963 Edition and 1967 Supplement) being also Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Prince George's County," subtitle "County Council," subheading "Transfer Tax" to provide an increase in the authorized rate of tax imposed upon recordation of instruments in the land records for Prince George's County and providing generally for a transfer tax on instruments of writing offered for record in Prince George's County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 18-5(a) of the Code of Public Local Laws of Prince George's County (1963 Edition and 1967 Supplement) being also