

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1972.

Approved May 26, 1972.

CHAPTER 486
(House Bill 62)

AN ACT to add new Section 1A to Article 17 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume), title "Clerks of Courts," subtitle "General Duties of Clerks," to follow immediately after Section 1 thereof, and to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 8 of Article 54 of said Code (1971 Supplement), title "Hall of Records," subtitle "Hall of Records Commission," establishing a procedure for destruction of certain books and papers by Clerks of Court in conjunction with the Hall of Records and the established procedures for such destruction, and correcting certain references therein.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That new Section 1A be and it is hereby added to Article 17 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume), title "Clerks of Courts," subtitle "General Duties of Clerks," to follow immediately after Section 1 thereof, and to read as follows:

1A.

The clerk, UNDER SUCH RULES AND REGULATIONS AS MAY BE PROMULGATED BY THE COURT OF APPEALS, may destroy pleadings, papers and files in his custody which, because of their character, serve no useful purpose in being retained, following the procedures established pursuant to this Section. Before any pleadings, papers or files are destroyed, the proposed destruction must be approved in writing by the Resident Circuit Court Judges ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE of the county or city, OR BY A MAJORITY OF THE RESIDENT CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES OF THE COUNTY OR CITY, and the records must be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of Sections 7, 8, and 10 of Article 54 of the Annotated Code, as amended from time to time.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That Section 8 of Article 54 of said Code (1971 Supplement), title "Hall of Records," subtitle "Hall of Records Commission," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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If the Commission shall decline to accept any original papers, official books, records, documents or files offered to it under the provisions of Section 7, then the custodian thereof, with the written approval of the Board of Public Works, is authorized and empowered to destroy the same. After such records are destroyed, the custodian thereof shall file with the Hall of Records a list of all papers, books,