three months prior to such assignment, adjudication or decree. Taxes legally due and owing shall have priority of payment to general creditors.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.

Approved May 24, 1973.

CHAPTER 708

(Senate Bill 787)

AN ACT to add new Section 71A to Article 35 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title "Evidence," subtitle "Public Statutes, Office Copies and Official Certificates," to follow immediately after Section 71 thereof, to provide that a [[copy]] photocopy of any of the books, papers, entries of proceedings in the custody of or in the office of the State Administrative Board of Election Laws under the seal of its office and certifying to the correctness thereof shall be evidence [[.]] and relating to the evidence.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 71A be and it is hereby added to Article 35 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title "Evidence," subtitle "Public Statutes, Office Copies and Official Certificates," to follow immediately after Section 71 thereof, and all to read as follows:

71A.

A [[COPY]] PHOTOCOPY OF ANY OF THE PAPERS, BOOKS, ENTRIES, OR PROCEEDINGS IN THE CUSTODY OF OR IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF ELECTION LAWS, UNDER THE SEAL OF ITS OFFICE AND CERTIFYING TO THE CORRECTNESS THEREOF, SHALL BE [[EVIDENCE]] [[ADMISSABLE]] ADMISSIBLE EVIDENCE IN LIEU OF THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.

Approved May 24, 1973.

CHAPTER 709

(Senate Bill 798)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 690, 691, 692, 693, 697, and 699 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title "Health," subtitle "Air Quality Control," to add a new Section 695A to said Article, title and subtitle, immediately to precede Section 696 thereof, and to change the subtitle "Air