

enacted by Chapter 11 (S.B. 133) of the 1974 Regular Session of the General Assembly) be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article - Estates and Trusts

2-107.

(a) [Of the three persons elected as judges of the Court in each county except Montgomery County,] EXCEPT IN HARFORD AND MONTGOMERY [[COUNTY]] COUNTIES, the governor shall designate and commission one OF THE THREE [[ELECTED]] JUDGES OF THE COURT IN EACH COUNTY as chief judge of the Court. Full power and authority are vested in each judge designated and commissioned as chief judge to act as chief judge. Any writ and other process tested in the name of the chief judge is valid for any purpose.

(b) A reference in the estates of decedents law to the chief judge of the court of a county means, with regard to HARFORD OR Montgomery County, the judge of the circuit court [[for Montgomery County]] then sitting as the Orphans' Court [[for Montgomery County]]. A reference to the judges of the court in plural number means, with respect to HARFORD OR Montgomery County, the judge of the circuit court [[for Montgomery County]] then sitting as the Orphans' Court [[for Montgomery County]], unless the section otherwise specifically provides.

[[SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That new Section 2-107(c) be and it is hereby added to Article - Estates and Trusts, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (As enacted by Chapter 11 (S.B. 133) of the 1974 Regular Session of the General Assembly) to read as follows:

Article - Estates and Trusts

2-107.

(C) A REFERENCE IN THE ESTATES OF DECEDENTS LAW TO THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE COURT OF A COUNTY MEANS, WITH REGARD TO HARFORD COUNTY, THE JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HARFORD COUNTY THEN SITTING AS THE ORPHANS' COURT FOR HARFORD COUNTY. A REFERENCE TO THE JUDGES OF THE COURT IN PLURAL NUMBER MEANS, WITH RESPECT TO HARFORD COUNTY, THE JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HARFORD COUNTY THEN SITTING AS THE ORPHANS' COURT FOR HARFORD COUNTY, UNLESS THE SECTION OTHERWISE SPECIFICALLY PROVIDES.]]

SECTION [[3]] 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect [[July 1]] November 5, 1974.