

Article 68 - Notaries Public

1.

(f) At the time the notice of appointment by the Governor or the notice of renewal is issued, the Secretary of State shall forward to [the clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore City, if the notary resides therein, or] the clerk of the circuit court of the county in which the notary public resides, a commission signed by the Governor and Secretary of State under the great seal of the State. The clerk of the court shall deliver the commission to the notary public upon qualification and payment of the prescribed fees by the notary public. Each notary public shall pay to the clerk a fee of one dollar (\$1.00) for qualifying the notary public and registering the name and address of the notary public; and a fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) or such lesser amount as may be prescribed by the Secretary of State for the commission issued, which shall be paid by the clerk to the treasury of the State of Maryland. The Secretary of State may fix such other reasonable fees as may be required for the processing of applications and the issuance and renewal of notarial commissions.

Article 69 - Officers

3.

Whenever the Governor shall be apprised that a commission has been inadvertently issued to anyone, he shall cause the State's attorney of the county [or of the City of Baltimore] to sue out of the circuit court for the said county[, or from the Superior Court of Baltimore City, Court of Common Pleas or Baltimore City court,] a writ of mandamus directed to the persons professing to hold the office mentioned in the commission so improvidently issued to inquire into the right whereby such office is so held; and if it shall appear on the trial that at the time of the election or appointment of such person he had not accounted with and paid into the treasury of the State any money which he should have accounted for and paid into the treasury before such election or appointment, then the court shall adjudge said election or appointment to have been null and void from the beginning and the office to be vacant.

7.

No postmaster or his deputies, nor United States marshal or his deputies shall hold any office under the government of this State or exercise any of the functions of any officer, under the penalty of fifty dollars for every offense; to be recovered by indictment in the circuit court for the county where the offense may be committed[, or in the Criminal Court of Baltimore, if committed in said city].