

Sincerely,
Harry Hughes
Governor

Senate Bill No. 104

AN ACT concerning

Divorce, Annulment, Alimony - Final Decree

FOR the purpose of requiring that a final decree of divorce, annulment, or alimony may not be entered except upon testimony taken in open court, or before a Master or Master-Examiner in Chancery.

BY adding to

Article 16 - Chancery
Section 22
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1981 Replacement Volume and 1981 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland read(s) as follows:

Article 16 - Chancery

22.

A FINAL DECREE OF DIVORCE, ANNULMENT, OR ALIMONY MAY NOT BE ENTERED EXCEPT UPON TESTIMONY TAKEN IN OPEN COURT OR BEFORE A MASTER OR MASTER-EXAMINER IN CHANCERY.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1982.

June 1, 1982

The Honorable James Clark, Jr.
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. President: