

CHAPTER 594

(House Bill 1732)

AN ACT concerning

Washington College - Charter

FOR the purpose of altering certain provisions of the Charter of Washington College relating to meetings of the Board of Visitors and Governors; redefining what constitutes a quorum; specifying that members of the Board may sign diplomas; making certain stylistic and technical changes; and generally relating to the Charter of Washington College.

WHEREAS, Institutions for the liberal education of youth in the principles of virtue, knowledge and useful literature, are of the highest benefit to society, in order to raise up and perpetuate a succession of honest men and women, for discharging the various offices and duties of the community, both civil and religious, with usefulness and reputation, and such institutions of learning have accordingly merited and received the attention and encouragement of the wisest and best regulated states; and

WHEREAS, The Visitors and Kent County School in the town of Chester represented to the General Assembly of the year 1782, that if they were made capable in law of erecting the said school into a college of general seminary of learning for the eastern shore, or peninsula between the bays of Chesapeake and Delaware (maintaining the original design of said school as a foundation not to be violated), very considerable sums of money could be raised in a few years, within the said peninsula, by free and voluntary contributions, for the establishment and support of such seminary, and prayed that a law be passed to enable them, the said Visitors, to enlarge and improve said school into a college, or place of universal learning; and

WHEREAS, It was then enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, that the Visitors of Kent County School, and their successors, should have full power and authority to erect the said school into a college or seminary of universal learning, to bear the name of ~~THE VISITORS AND GOVERNORS OF WASHINGTON COLLEGE IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND~~ "The Visitors and Governors of Washington College in the State of Maryland", in honorable and perpetual memory of His Excellency, General Washington, the illustrious and virtuous Commander-in-Chief of the Armies of the United States; and

WHEREAS, The present Visitors and Governors of said College deem it desirable to eliminate from said original Charter, as heretofore amended, certain obsolete and unnecessary nomenclature and provisions therein contained, and to make certain other amendments thereto, consistent with present requirements and conditions, while retaining so much of the original Charter as is practical; now, therefore,