contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act. In case of any dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money or assets may qualify as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, 2000, to present evidence satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and the amount of the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan equal to the amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act. Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund certified by the Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1998.

Approved May 21, 1998.

### CHAPTER 700

(House Bill 589)

## AN ACT concerning

# Registers of Wills - Maintenance of Records - Electronic Recordation

FOR the purpose of adding a definition of the term "book" to include a form of electronic recordation for the purpose of certain requirements that a register of wills maintain certain records concerning wills, administration proceedings, and releases; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to authorizing electronic recordation of certain records by the registers of wills.

## BY renumbering

Article – Estates and Trusts
Section 1–101(c) through (v), respectively
to be Section 1–101(d) through (w), respectively
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1991 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Estates and Trusts
Section 1-101(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1991 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

#### BY adding to

Article – Estates and Trusts Section 1–101(c) Annotated Code of Maryland