

ARTICLE 68.

NOTARIES PUBLIC.

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| 1. Appointment; qualifications; fees. | 7. Seal. |
| 2. Bond of notary. Number of notaries in each county. | 8. Acts in counties other than that of their appointment. |
| 3. Power to administer oaths. | 9. Stamp on protests. |
| 4. To take acknowledgment of instruments and make protests. | 10. Women notaries public. |
| 5. To keep a register; give copies; fees. | 11. Official acts by women, valid. |
| 6. Deposit of papers in case of vacation of office. | 12. When notary may not take acknowledgments and protests. |

An. Code, sec. 1. 1904, sec. 1. 1888, sec. 1. 1801, ch. 86, sec. 2. 1872, ch. 191. 1880, ch. 21. 1886, ch. 14. 1902, ch. 321. 1904, chs. 15, 227. 1918, ch. 474.

1. The Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint and commission in his discretion and judgment any number of persons male or female, of known good character, and integrity and abilities, citizens of the United States, and who have resided in this State two (2) years previous to their appointment as notaries public for the State of Maryland, to reside in such place or places as the Governor shall in and by their respective commissions designate.

No distinction shall be made between male or female applicants, who shall take the oath of office before the Clerk of the Circuit Court for each of the counties in the State, and the Clerk of the Superior Court in Baltimore City, respectively, and shall receive a commission signed by the Governor and Secretary of State under the Great Seal of the State. They shall pay the sum of five (\$5) dollars for each commission so issued, to the Treasury of the State of Maryland, and the further sum of fifty (50c.) to the Clerk for the registration of the name and address of each of the said Notaries Public.¹

As to the appointment of notaries, see art. 4, sec. 45, Md. Constitution.
As to fees, see art. 36, secs. 24-28.

An. Code, sec. 2. 1904, sec. 2. 1888, sec. 2. 1845, ch. 133. 1894, ch. 412.

2. Each notary public shall, within thirty days from the time of his appointment, give the bond prescribed in section 26 of article 36 of the annotated code of public general laws; and each county of the State shall be entitled, on application, to at least two notaries public, to be appointed as aforesaid by the governor; and in case of an appointment, on application, during the recess of the legislature, the governor shall submit said appoint-

¹ Sec. 2 of act of 1918, ch. 474, repeals all acts or parts of acts, either general or local, in conflict or inconsistent with said act of 1918.