

passage of this Act, and when and only in the event that this Act shall be finally approved and legally adopted in accordance with the provisions of Section 54 of Article III of the Constitution of Maryland, then Chapter 720 of the Acts of 1912, Joint Resolution No. 5 of the 1914 session of the General Assembly and Joint Resolution No. 3 of the 1916 General Assembly shall be and they are hereby repealed and made of no force and effect.

1927, Res. 26.

243. In compliance with said Section 54 of Article 3 of the Constitution of Maryland, and in further compliance with Section 9 of said Chapter 596 of the Acts of 1924, said Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, as embraced in said Chapter 596 of the Acts of 1924, was published for two months in the newspapers published in said Calvert County preceding the election of members of the House of Delegates held on the 2nd day of November, 1926; therefore, be it

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the said Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, as embraced in Chapter 596 of the Acts of 1924, and as above set forth, be and the same is hereby approved and ratified.

RECORDS.

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 5, sec. 107. 1886, ch. 116.

244. All deeds, wills, mortgages, papers or other instruments of writing which have been re-recorded, whether from the original or certified copies thereof, either in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Calvert County or in the office of the Register of Wills of said county, since the third day of March, eighteen hundred and eighty-two, or which may hereafter be re-recorded in said offices, the original records of which were destroyed by fire, shall have the same force and effect in law and equity that the originals had; provided, that all such deeds, mortgages, wills, papers and other instruments of writing which may be re-recorded, recording whereof was made necessary by law, shall be re-recorded in conformity and compliance with the laws of this State relating to conveyancing and recording, and shall be subject to the conditions and regulations thereof, the same as new deeds, mortgages, wills and other instruments of writing; provided, that the existence and recording of any deed, mortgage, will or other instrument of writing destroyed by said fire or lost, may be proven by parol or otherwise, in accordance with the rules of evidence, and when so proven shall have the same force and effect as the original would have had.

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 5, sec. 108. 1886, ch. 116.

245. The Judges of the Circuit Court for Calvert County, or a majority of said judges, upon petition or otherwise, are authorized and empowered to hear and determine all matters relating to or concerning the contents of the lost records and dockets of said county, and to order the