

ARTICLE 70.

OFFICIAL OATHS.¹

When and How to Be Taken.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Governor. 2. Secretary of state; judges and clerk of court of appeals; state reporter; librarian; adjutant general; treasurer; comptroller; commissioner of land office. 3. Members of general assembly. 4. Clerks of courts. 5. Corporation officers except chief magistrate. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. District school trustees shall take oath. 7. Other officers. 8. Test book. 9. Declaration of religious belief. 10. Form of oath. 11. Refusal or neglect to take oath. 12. Clerk's report to secretary of state; clerk's fee. 13. Oath to be taken by deputies and under-clerks of clerks of courts, registers of wills; commissioner of land office, and sheriffs. |
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An. Code, 1924, sec. 1. 1912, sec. 1. 1904, sec. 1. 1888, sec. 1. 1856, ch. 183.

1. The governor shall take and subscribe the oath prescribed by the constitution on the second Wednesday of January next ensuing his election or as soon thereafter as may be practicable between the hours of twelve and two o'clock P. M. in the senate chamber before the chief judge of the court of appeals, or in case of his sickness, absence or inability from any other cause to attend, before one of the associate judges of said court; and the said oath shall be recorded in the test book of the court of appeals.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 2. 1912, sec. 2. 1904, sec. 2. 1888, sec. 2. 1852, ch. 172, sec. 3. 1854, ch. 18, sec. 4. 1856, ch. 132, sec. 1.

2. The secretary of state, the judges of the court of appeals and their clerk, the state reporter, the state librarian, the adjutant general, the treasurer, comptroller and the commissioner of the land office shall take and subscribe the said oath before the governor and the same shall be preserved in a book to be kept by the secretary of state.

If an officer duly qualifies, though books should not be preserved, the right to office would not be defeated nor would his acts be invalid. *Harwood v. Marshall*, 9 Md. 102. See also *Harwood v. Marshall*, 10 Md. 452.

See notes to secs. 11 and 12.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 3. 1912, sec. 3. 1904, sec. 3. 1888, sec. 3. 1852, ch. 172, sec. 7.

3. The oath required to be taken and subscribed by the members of the general assembly shall be administered by a member of the senate to the president, who shall administer the same to the other members of that body and to its officers, and the same shall be subscribed accordingly and be administered by one of the members of the house of delegates to the speaker and by him to the other members of that body and to its officers, and the same shall be subscribed accordingly.

¹ See art. 37 of the Declaration of Rights.