

which is hereby made the official custodian of such papers, records and documents, with full power to certify the same as provided in Section 127. Every Clerk of Court, Register of Wills, or other public official, now having custody of said papers, records and documents, is hereby directed to transfer the same to said Hall of Records Commission and upon making such transfer, every such Clerk, Register of Wills or other official is hereby relieved from any duties or responsibilities in connection therewith.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1945.

Approved March 16, 1945.

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#### CHAPTER 896.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 127 of Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments," sub-title "Hall of Records Commission", providing for the photostatic or photographic reproduction of certain land records and the deposit thereof in the offices of the clerks of courts.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 127 of Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

127. Every State, county, city, town or other public official in the State in custody of public records or documents is hereby authorized and empowered, in his discretion, to turn over to the Commission and deposit for preservation any original papers, official books, records, documents, files, newspapers, printed books, or portraits, not in current use in his office, and when so surrendered, and accepted by the Commission, copies may be