

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1967.*

Approved April 14, 1967.

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CHAPTER 344

(House Bill 981)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 57, 58, 61, 61A, and 62 of Article 17 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume), title "Clerks of Court," subtitle "Clerks of Circuit Courts and Superior Court of Baltimore City"; to repeal Sections 9, 10, 15 through 17, inclusive, 51, and 52 of Article 54 of said Code (1964 Replacement Volume), title "Land Office"; to repeal Section 132 of Article 41 of said Code (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Executive and Administrative Departments," subtitle "1. The Executive Department," subheading "Commissioner of the Land Office"; to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 172 and 175 of said Article, title and subtitle, subheading "Hall of Records Commission"; to recodify Sections 171 through 181, inclusive, of said Article 41 (as said Sections 172 and 175 are herein amended) as, respectively, Sections 1 through 11, inclusive, of Article 54 of said Code (1964 Replacement Volume); to renumber Sections 1 through 8, 11 through 14, 18 through 46A, and 47 through 50, all inclusive, of said Article 54, as respectively Sections 12 through 45 57 thereof, to follow immediately after the sections recodified and to be under the new subtitle "Land Patents"; and to change the title of said Article 54 from "Land Office" to "Hall of Records"; in order to consolidate and clarify provisions of the law relating to the custody and maintenance of certain public and historic records and the functions of the Hall of Records Commission and the Archivist appointed by it in relation thereto; to correct superseded references to the Commissioner of the Land Office, now abolished; to repeal obsolete provisions for the keeping of records under practices heretofore abandoned; and relating generally to the definition of certain duties imposed upon the Hall of Records Commission and Archivist subsequent to the abolition of the office of Commissioner of the Land Office by vote of the people at the general election of November 8, 1966, and the operation of Chapter 488 of the Acts of 1966.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Sections 57, 58, 61, 61A, and 62 of Article 17 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume), title "Clerks of Court," subtitle "Clerks of Circuit Courts and Superior Court of Baltimore City," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

57.

Every clerk, after he records any deed, mortgage, release of mortgage, or lease of real estate shall make or have made a ~~35 mm.~~ microfilm picture or copy of every such record and transmit said