

## CHAPTER 490.

AN ACT to provide for transfers of property on the property books of Harford county before deeds conveying the same are recorded.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That no deeds conveying real estate or chattels real, located in Harford county, shall be admitted to record among the Land Records of the Circuit Court for said county until the property thereby conveyed or assigned has been duly transferred upon the property books in the County Commissioners' office of said county to the grantee or assignee unless such a description thereof be furnished, under oath, to the Clerk of the Circuit Court as will enable the Clerk of the County Commissioners to transfer the same intelligently upon said property books.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That if the transfer be made upon said property books before said deed is offered for record, the Clerk of the County Commissioners shall endorse the fact of said transfer on the deed, and if said deed be offered for record without such endorsement, the Clerk of the Circuit Court before receiving the same for record shall require one of the parties thereto, or some other person having personal knowledge of the facts, to state, under oath, in whose name the property transferred stands on the property books of said county, the number of acres therein (or if a town lot, the number or other intelligible description thereof), the improvements thereon, the number of acres, arable or woodland, and such other facts as will with certainty enable the Clerk of the County Commissioners to locate the same on said property books, and intelligently make the transfer, and all such sworn statements shall be on each Monday morning returned by said Clerk of the Circuit Court to the County Commissioners and the transfers shall be forthwith made by the Clerk of the County Commissioners upon said property books.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the County Commissioners shall, immediately upon the passage of this act, have printed and furnished to the Clerk of the Circuit Court, blank forms showing in detail the information to be obtained by said clerk from persons offering deeds for record.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That if the Clerk of the Circuit Court shall receive for record any deed without requiring the provisions of this act to be complied with, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of fifty dollars (\$50) for each deed so recorded.