

WHEREAS, The card system of indexing and cataloguing has been recently introduced in the State Library, and that system thoroughly established; and

WHEREAS, Heretofore periodically new indexes of the books in said library have been made and published at a very heavy expense; and

WHEREAS, In the accumulation of books, which naturally occurs from year to year, these periodical appropriations for the work must be regularly made, by reason of which expense is entailed and poor results accomplished;

Preamble.

THEREFORE, In the line of economy and for the best interests of those compelled to use the State Library, especially the Court of Appeals and the lawyers practicing before said court; therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the office of indexer and cataloguer to the State Library be and the same is hereby created.

Office of indexer and cataloguer created.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the Governor, by and with the advice of the Library Committee created by Chapter two hundred and seventy-two of the Acts of eighteen hundred and seventy, is authorized and empowered to appoint a person as indexer and cataloguer of the State Library, who shall hold his office for the period of two years, or until his successor is duly appointed and qualified, and who shall receive a salary of six hundred dollars per annum, payable in monthly instalments by warrant of the Comptroller upon the Treasurer. It shall be the duty of the said indexer and cataloguer to attend daily at the State Library on each day that the same is open, and there continue the work of indexing and card-cataloguing under the system now adopted and carried on therein, and as far as practicable keep the said work up to date; and he shall also perform such other services (when his time is not fully occupied in indexing and cataloguing) as shall be required of him by the said Library Committee.

Appointment of indexer.

Compensation and duties.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 5, 1900.

CHAPTER 272.

AN ACT to add three new sections to Article 23 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Corporations," sub-title "General Regulations," to follow Section eighty-five, and to be designated as Sections 85A, 85B and 85C.