

CHAPTER 155.

AN ACT for the better regulation of the Clerks and Registers of Wills of the several Counties in this State.

See 1817, ch. 119, ante page 664; 1826, ch. 247.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That in all cases where by the laws and usages of this state the clerks of the several county courts of this state are required to enrol deeds, bills of sale, and other instruments of writing, and also in the cases where judgments are required or directed to be recorded by the provisions of an act, entitled, an act concerning the judgments and judicial proceedings of the courts of justice in this state, and to provide for the completion of the records in certain cases, passed at December session eighteen hundred and seventeen, it shall not be lawful for the several clerks to collect by execution any fees for enrolling the said deeds, bills of sale, or other instruments of writing, or for making up and enrolling the said judgments, until the said deeds, bills of sale and judgments, shall have been actually entered and enrolled on books to be kept by them for entering and enrolling such deeds, bills of sale, other instruments of writing, and judgments as aforesaid.

In certain cases clerk not to collect fees by execution until deeds, &c. are enrolled, &c.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That in all cases where by the laws and usages of this state, or by the usages of the said offices, the registers of wills of the several counties of this state are required to enrol wills, codicils, inventories, lists of debts sperate and desperate, and other papers and proceedings necessary to be enrolled, that the registers of wills of the several and respective counties of this state, shall not be entitled to collect for enrolling the same, by execution, any fees, until the said wills, codicils, inventories, lists of debts sperate and desperate, and other papers and proceedings, shall have been actually enrolled in books to be kept by them for enrolling the same.

Same with respect to registers of wills.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That if any clerk or register of wills of any of the counties in this state, shall offend against any of the provisions of this act, he shall forfeit for every such offence the sum of one hundred dollars, to be recovered against him by bill of indictment, to be prosecuted in the county court of the county where such offence shall have been committed.

Penalty for offending against provisions of this act.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That this act of assembly shall not have effect until the first day of May eighteen hundred and twenty.

When to take effect.

CHAPTER 156.

A SUPPLEMENT to an ACT, entitled, an Act relating to voting by Proxies in the Banks of this State.

See 1819, ch. 134, ante page 712.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the act, to which this is a supplement shall not be con-

Original act to extend