

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

Approved April 12, 1904.

CHAPTER 670.

AN ACT to provide for rebinding the Land Record Books of Washington County, Maryland.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Washington County, Maryland, be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to cause the books in his office used for the record of deeds, mortgages and other evidences of title to real estate, to be rebound in some substantial manner approved by said clerk; and the County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland, are hereby authorized to pay the costs and expense incident to rebinding said books as above provided.

To rebind
Land Record
Books.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 12, 1904.

CHAPTER 671.

AN ACT providing for means for the settlement of disputes between employers and employees by mediation or voluntary arbitration, and the investigation of the causes of such dispute.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That upon information furnished by an employer of labor, whether person, firm or corporation, or by a committee of employees, or from any other reliable source, that a controversy or dispute has arisen between employer and employees, involving ten or more persons, which controversy may result in a strike or lock-out, the Chief of the Bureau of Industrial Statistics of Maryland, or such person officially connected with said Bureau of Industrial Statistics as may be deputized in writing by the said Chief of said Bureau of Industrial Statistics, shall at once visit the place of controversy or dispute and seek to mediate between the parties, if in his discretion it is necessary so to do.

Settlement of
labor disputes