

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

Approved April 8, 1904.

CHAPTER 495.

AN ACT to add an additional section to Article 54 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Land Office," sub-title "Commissioner of the Land Office, His Powers and Duties," to be designated as Section 2A, providing for the appointment of an index clerk of the Prerogative Court and High Court of Chancery Records.

WHEREAS, It is proposed to remove all the Prerogative Court Records and Documents from the Register of Wills' Office of Anne Arundel County to the Land Office of Maryland, and there still remains twenty-one volumes of the proceedings of the Prerogative Court not yet indexed; and

WHEREAS, The indexes to the one hundred and seventy-nine volumes of the Records of the High Court of Chancery, and the twelve thousand bundles of cases of said court in the Land Office are imperfect and unreliable, rendering access to the titles to land therein contained inaccessible; therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That another section be added to Article 54 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Land Office," sub-title "Commissioner of the Land Office, His Powers and Duties," to be designated as Section 2A.

2A. The Commissioner of the Land Office shall have power to appoint a clerk to complete the indexing of the Prerogative Court Records, indexing the Records of the Higher Court of Chancery and such other indexing in the Land Office as may be necessary, and shall receive a salary of one thousand dollars per annum, and the sum of one thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated annually for said purpose. Said clerk shall be under the control of the Commissioner of the Land Office, and subject to removal at any time, as other clerks in the Land Office.

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

Approved April 12, 1904.