

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That said surveyor shall, <sup>Compensation.</sup> for his services be entitled to the same fees as are now authorized by law to be changed for similar services, under the General Laws of this State.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect upon its being approved by the Governor of <sup>In force</sup> the State of Maryland.

Approved, April 1st, 1874.

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CHAPTER 167.

AN ACT to add an additional sub-title and section to article four, of the Public Local Laws of the City of Baltimore, to be known under the title "Costs," and as section one hundred and fifty-nine and a-half of said article.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the following sub-title and section <sup>New section</sup> be added to article four, of the Code of Public Local Laws of the City of Baltimore, title "Costs."

SECTION 159½. That in all actions at law for wrongs, independent of contracts, in any of the courts of Baltimore city, where the verdict or inquisition of damages after default made shall be for a sum less than fifty dollars, the costs shall be adjudged to the defendant, unless the court shall otherwise determine; but the court before allowing costs to the plaintiff in any such case, shall be satisfied that he had good reason for not bringing suit before a justice of the peace; and in all cases of appeals whatsoever, from judgments of justices of the peace in Baltimore city, costs shall be allowed to plaintiff or defendant, in the discretion of the court. <sup>Costs to be adjudged.</sup>

Approved, April 1st, 1874.