

tained shall affect the rights of any person or persons owning or claiming any interest in said land derived by, from or under any persons other than the maker of such plat, or by, from or under such maker prior to such sub-division; and provided further, that the maker of any such plat or plats, his heirs or assigns, shall have the right to apply by petition in Equity to the Circuit Court for said county, for leave to abandon the sub-division of lands so made by him, and reconvert the same into one tract or parcel, or to amend or alter said plat; and said court, if convinced upon such proof, and after such notice by publication or otherwise, as it shall direct, that no damage can be in any wise sustained by persons other than the petitioners, shall have power to pass an order authorizing and empowering such petitioner to abandon such sub-division, either in whole or in part or to amend or alter the same; and the proceedings had under such petition shall be docketed in the equity dockets and recorded in the equity or judgment records of said court, the petitioners in all cases paying the same fees, costs and charges as are charged for like work; and when such orders are passed, the clerk of said court shall endorse on the plat affected thereby the dates and place of record of such orders.

(7) Whenever the owner of any lands, of which a plat has been heretofore made and placed in the land record books of said county, shall cause to be made an exact copy of said plat (except as to necessary change of scale and the addition of such matter as may be necessary to make the same conform to the requirements of the preceding sections), and shall comply with the requirements of the preceding sections as applied to plats of new sub-divisions, the same may be admitted to record and filed as other plats; and the said clerk shall thereupon endorse upon said original plat a reference to the record book or place where the new plat has been filed, a certificate that the plat heretofore filed in said record book has been copied and made to conform to the provisions of this Act, and that said copy has been filed and recorded under the provisions of this Act, which certificate shall give the reference where said original plat may be found; provided, that before said new plat shall be entitled to record, as hereinbefore provided, there shall be endorsed upon same, in addition to the other certificate required by this Act, the certificate of the County Engineer of Allegany County that the same is an exact copy of said original plat, except as to those changes made necessary by the provisions of this Act.

(8) After such new plats shall have been recorded, and said certificate endorsed upon the land record books, as hereinbefore provided, all deeds, mortgages and other instruments