

installation of workable and efficient indexes to chattel mortgages, bills of sale, etc., and conditional contracts of sale, recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County.

WHEREAS, The Equity cases filed in the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County from the year 1852 up to and including the present time have never been placed in a general index but appear only in their original dockets, some of which have become very much worn, soiled and damaged by constant use; and

WHEREAS, It is necessary to take immediate steps to provide said office with a modern and workable general index to the Equity cases; and

WHEREAS, The general indexes to the Land Records in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, prior to the year 1909, are in an unsatisfactory condition, being badly soiled and damaged from use, whereby much inconvenience is caused, and mistakes are likely to occur; and

WHEREAS, It is necessary to provide for re-indexing said Land Records; and

WHEREAS, It is necessary because of the thousands of conditional contracts of sale, chattel mortgages, etc., filed annually in the office of the Clerk of the said Court, to provide proper and workable indexes; and

WHEREAS, It is the recommendation of the Bar Association of Anne Arundel County that said Land, Equity and Chattel indexing be done.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County shall appoint a committee of three competent persons, members of the Bar of said Court to select satisfactory systems for the general index to all Equity cases, for the index to land Records prior to the year 1909 and for indexes to chattel mortgages, bills of sale, etc., and conditional contracts of sale in the office of the Clerk of the said Court. The indexes to chattel mortgages, bills of sale, etc., and conditional contracts of sale shall be used by the said Clerk, commencing from the day they are turned over to him, or as soon after as practicable.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That said Court shall have full power to fill vacancies on said committee, whenever and however they may occur.