

CHAPTER 26.

Passed Feb. AN ACT to repeal section thirteen of article twenty-nine, of the Code of Public General Laws, relating to the Inspection of Records, and to re-enact the same with amendments.

Repealed. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That section thirteen, of article twenty-nine, of the Code of Public General Laws, relating to the Inspection of Records, be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments, so as to read as follows :

Duty to inspect records. It shall be the duty of the Judges of the several Courts of Law and Equity, at every term, to inspect the records and papers of the offices attached to their respective courts, relating to lands, tenements, or other real estate, and examine the condition thereof and see whether the Clerk of such Court has performed the duties required of him by law, relating to the recording of judgments, decrees, executions and proceedings, and whether he has entered and transcribed the docket entries as required by law.

To be transcribed. And if it should appear on such examination, that any of the records have become so dilapidated and worn as to require them to be transcribed, he shall order and direct the Clerk to transcribe the same into new record books, which the Clerk shall procure for that purpose; and such new records when so transcribed shall be carefully examined and certified by said Clerk, and when so examined and certified, shall be substituted for, and become the records of said court in lieu of the worn out records; and the Mayor and City Council of the city of Baltimore, and the county commissioners of the several counties respectively, shall levy such sum of money as they shall deem a fair compensation for the labor of the Clerk in making such new records.

In force. Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.