

contained in this act shall be construed to impair or affect in any manner any right or rights whatever of any contiguous or adjacent riparian proprietor. How construed

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage. Effective.

Approved April 8, 1884.

Chapter 165.

AN ACT to provide for the recording of authenticated copies of last Wills and Testaments of which the originals and the original were destroyed by the burning of the Court House of Dorchester county, in the month of May, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-two.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the register of wills of Dorchester county be and he is hereby authorized and directed, upon application, and at the expense of any person interested, to record in a well-bound book used or kept in his office for that purpose, the copy of any last will and testament, or of the record thereof, together with all the certificates thereon, which appear to have been duly made and certified under the official seal of the office of the register of wills of said county prior to the burning of the court house of said county in the month of May, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-two; and the said register shall, on the back of said copy, when recorded, make an endorsement of the recording thereof, and of the page or folio of the book in which the same shall have been recorded. Copy last will and testament.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That whenever any such copy shall be filed for record in the office of the register of wills of the county aforesaid, the said copy shall thereafter be retained and preserved in said office, and filed as original last wills and testaments are filed, and duly certified copies of the same, or of the record thereof, shall be evidence to all intents and purposes How filed.