

Chapter 51.

AN ACT to repeal chapter one hundred and sixty-six of the acts passed at the January session, eighteen hundred and eighty-two, entitled "An act to authorize the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Dorchester county to make a general index of all the land records of his office," and to re-enact the following in lieu thereof:

Repealed and re-enacted in lieu thereof.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That chapter one hundred and sixty-six of the acts passed at the January session, eighteen hundred and eighty-two, entitled "An act to authorize the clerk of the circuit court for Dorchester county to make a general index of all the land records of his office," be and the same is hereby repealed, and the following enacted in lieu thereof:

Make general index.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the clerk of the circuit court for Dorchester county be and is hereby authorized and required, under the supervision of the resident judge of said court, to make or have made a general index of all the land records of his office, and to provide a book or books proper and requisite for such purpose.

Required to levy.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the county commissioners of Dorchester county be and they are hereby required to levy upon the assessable property of said county, a sum sufficient to pay the said clerk the cost of the books aforesaid, and also nine cents for indexing each deed, mortgage or other instrument required to be indexed by him by this act, in both the name of the grantor and grantees, for the year eighteen hundred and eighteen, and the years subsequent thereto, and the sum of ten cents for indexing in like manner all such instruments recorded in said land records previous to the year eighteen hundred and eighteen.

Make out true statement.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That the clerk aforesaid shall make out from time to time, as may be necessary, a true and correct statement of the services rendered under and by the authority of this act, so far as the same are therein charged against the county aforesaid, and shall certify the same under oath, if so re-