

(1939 Edition), title "Clerks of Courts", sub-title "Clerks of the Circuit Courts", eliminating certain provisions which cannot be complied with at the present time and authorizing the making of micro-film pictures or copies of certain papers filed with the Clerks of Courts.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 71 and 72 of Article 17 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Clerks of Courts", sub-title "Clerks of the Circuit Courts", be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

71. Every clerk, after he records any deed, mortgage, release of mortgage, or lease of real estate shall make or have made a 35 mm. micro-film picture or copy of every such record and transmit said micro-film pictures or copies to the Commissioner of the Land Office, at the end of each year.

72. Every clerk shall make a 35 mm. micro-film picture or copy of the general index to the records of any deed, mortgage, release of mortgage, or lease of real estate when requested by the Commissioner of the Land Office.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1949.

Approved April 29, 1949.

#### CHAPTER 518

Ever since the introduction of the microfilm process, various State, county and local governmental agencies have introduced separate bills allowing them to film records, other bills permitting them to destroy records which had been filmed, and still others authorizing the use of such films as evidence in the courts. The Archivist felt that some order should be brought to a situation which was becoming chaotic and he asked, therefore, for a general law modeled after those now in force in Delaware and Ohio.

#### CHAPTER 518

(House Bill 107)

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition and 1947 Supplement), title