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EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.

So long as anyone knows, clerks of the court have been required by law to prepare an index for each land record volume in addition to the general index, which is also mandatory. The index at the end of the volume was a useless duplication and an expensive one. Moreover, with the introduction of photographic recording, the manuscript indexes at the back of a binder of photostats or projection prints became especially inconvenient and expensive. In any case, no recordkeeping act in Maryland was more honored by the breach than by the observance. On several occasions, the clerks of court and the Hall of Records had tried to have this provision repealed, but without success. Such a repealer passed at the 1960 Session. It will save us the cost of many superfluous shots when the volumes are microfilmed. The Act follows:

CHAPTER 27 (House Bill 4)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 50 of Article 17 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Clerks of Courts", sub-title "Clerks of Circuit Courts and Superior Court of Baltimore City", to include a requirement for indexing in the laws placing on the clerks of courts the duty of recording deeds, mortgages, and other interests affecting the title to land or personal property in the land or chattel records of the Circuit Courts and the Superior Court of Baltimore City, AND ELIMINATING THE REQUIREMENT FOR AN ALPHABETICAL INDEX IN EACH BOOK.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 50 of Article 17 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Clerks of Courts", sub-title "Clerks of Circuit Courts and Superior Court of Baltimore City", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

50. Land records and chattel records.