

the sums as above stated, per week, for and during the terms of their respective lives, under and by authority of an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, chapter four hundred and fifty-nine, Laws of Maryland, eighteen hundred and eighty-six, entitled an Act to define a fund of money now in the hands, or which, under existing laws, may come into the hands of said Board of Police Commissioners for the city of Baltimore, and to provide for its application, approved April 7, 1886.

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SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 8, 1902.

CHAPTER 189.

AN ACT to provide indexes of certain land records of the annexed district of Baltimore City.

WHEREAS, Prior to the year 1850 and subsequent to the year 1888 the land records of those portions of Baltimore city which in the year 1888 were annexed to the city of Baltimore in accordance with the provisions of chapter 98 of the Acts of the General Assembly, passed at the session of 1888, are in the custody of the clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore City, kept in his office in said city, but the land records of the said district so annexed during the period between the years 1851 and 1888 are in the office and custody of the clerk of the Circuit Court of Baltimore County, and kept in his office at Towson, Maryland, by reason of which condition great inconvenience, loss of time and expenses is caused to the searchers of the said records, and the said city of Baltimore has not in the office of any official of the said city any record whatever of the transfers of land in said district during the said interval, and the said records at Towson contain the dedication of many public ways and other matters of public no less than private importance, and it is desirable that a more approved system be established; therefore,

Preamble.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore City is hereby authorized to prepare a set of indexes, upon the block system, or general index plan, now in use in his office, as may appear to be most practicable, for the land records covering the period between the years 1851 and 1888.

Set of indexes to be prepared.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That for the purpose of accomplishing such work it shall be the duty of the clerk of the Circuit Court of Baltimore County to permit free access to all records in his custody without charge therefor, and to place all reasonable facilities at the disposal of the said clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore City, and his assistants.

Free access given to record.