

Chapter 283.

AN ACT to provide for the recording in the office of the county commissioners of Howard county of the petition, plat and other proceedings had in relation to the opening, altering or closing of public roads in said county, and to provide compensation therefor.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That in all cases where any public road in Howard county is hereafter opened, altered or closed by the county commissioners of said county, they shall, within six months after said road shall have been opened to public travel, altered or closed, as the case may be, cause the petition, plat and other proceedings had in relation to the same to be recorded in a well bound book to be kept in their office for this purpose.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That a copy of said proceedings when so recorded, duly attested by the clerk of said county commissioners, under the seal of the office of the county commissioners, shall be admitted as *prima facie* evidence in any court, or before any justice of the peace in this state, to prove the facts therein recited.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the said county commissioners shall, at the usual time of levying the taxes for the year next succeeding the recording of said proceedings, cause to be levied on the assessable property of said county, a sum sufficient for the payment thereof, at the rate of one cent for each ten words thereof, and of one cent for each twenty figures thereof, and *pro rata*.

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

Approved April 4, 1888.

Plat and other proceedings to be recorded.

When so recorded to be admitted as evidence.

County commissioners to levy tax.

Effective.