

idents and absconding debtors, in actions *ex contractu* for liquidated damages.

Effective. SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 5, 1888.

### Chapter 508.

AN ACT to authorize the clerk of the circuit court for Baltimore county to prepare a general index of judgments and decrees appearing on the records of said court.

General index SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the clerk of the circuit court for Baltimore county is hereby authorized and empowered to formulate and prepare a plan for making a general index of all judgments and decrees affecting title to real estate appearing on the law and equity dockets of said court, and to submit the same to said court for its approval.

Authority to prepare. SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That upon the approval and adoption of the plan of indexing authorized by the first section of this act, the clerk of the circuit court for Baltimore county is hereby authorized and empowered to make and prepare for use in his office a new general index of all judgments and decrees appearing on the law and equity dockets of said court, and of all other cases on said dockets affecting title to real estate, upon the plan so adopted and approved, in a book or books suitable for the purpose; and all such judgments and decrees hereafter rendered in said court shall be indexed upon the plan aforesaid.

Cost—how paid. SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the cost of making and preparing the index authorized by this act shall be paid out of the fees collected by the clerk of the circuit court aforesaid.

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

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