

ing the months of December, January, February and March ; provided, that the Circuit Court for Baltimore county may grant licenses for not exceeding forty days in any one year. For every license so granted there shall be paid the clerk of the court granting such license the sum of five dollars for every day for which such license shall be granted. The said sum to go to the Board of County School Commissioners, in which such court may be located, for the use of public schools thereof ; provided, however, that the provisions of this Act shall not apply to Cecil county ; provided, that this Act shall not apply to Washington county, nor shall the provisions of this Act apply to Anne Arundel county.

**Effective.** SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage, but nothing herein contained shall apply to or affect any civil or criminal proceedings at the date aforesaid.

Approved April 7, 1898.

#### CHAPTER 286.

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 81 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Revenue and Taxes," to be designated as Section 203, to follow Section 202 of said Article, and to repeal all Acts or parts of Acts, laws or parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this Act, so far as the same may be in conflict.

**Preamble.** WHEREAS, The State banks incorporated and formed under the laws of this State are so incorporated and formed for the purpose of engaging in and prosecuting the same kind and manner of business as is engaged in and conducted by national banks formed under and subject to the provisions of the National Bank Act of the United States ; and

**Preamble.** WHEREAS, It is manifestly inequitable than any other or greater imposition of taxes should be, by the laws of this State, levied or assessed upon the shares of stock of said State banks, or the holders thereof, than is so levied or assessed upon the shares of stock of said national banks, or the holders thereof, having due regard to the value of said shares of stock, now therefore,

**New section added.** SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new section be and the same is hereby added to Article 81 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Revenue and Taxes," to follow section 202, and to be designated as section 203, and to read as follows :