

## CHAPTER 304.

AN ACT to provide for the definite establishment and location of the boundary line between Allegany and Garrett counties, in order to bring under the assessment law certain untaxed lands in said counties.

WHEREAS, By chapter 212 of the Acts of Assembly of 1872, provision was made for the formation and establishment of Garrett county out of the lands within the then corporate limits of Allegany county; and

WHEREAS, Provision was by said Act also made for a survey of the boundary lines of said counties, as established by said Act between certain terminal points therein named, and that return of said survey and the plats of said line should be reported to and filed with the Governor, the County Commissioners and the clerk of the Circuit Court for Allegany county, under certain provisions in said Act contained, which provisions were complied with, but the said returns and plats have not been returned in compliance with the requirements; and

WHEREAS, By reason of the said failure to make said return and file said plats, the boundary line between the said counties is now an unsettled question, thus involving both questions of jurisdiction of courts and the right of taxation; and

WHEREAS, There are now large and valuable areas of land in both of said counties untaxed or unassessed, to the great loss and injury of said counties, as well as the State of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, It is to the interest of all the taxpayers of said counties and the State of Maryland, that said boundary line should be definitely located, and thus increase the taxable areas of said counties; therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That immediately after the passage of this Act the Governor shall appoint or procure the services of a competent and skillful civil engineer or surveyor, who shall at once survey and definitely locate on the ground the boundary line between Allegany and Garrett counties, on the line between the terminal points established by chapter 212 of the Acts of 1872, which said civil engineer or surveyor shall employ at his own cost the necessary chainmen and axmen or other necessary assistance, and procure the stones for marking the line as hereinafter provided and for all said services of said engineer and for his expenses for chainmen, axmen and other assistance and for

Civil  
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