

county be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to levy annually upon the assessable property of said county the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to pay for said books.

52. The payment of appearance fees to attorneys-at-law by the County Commissioners of Baltimore county, in what are known as habeas corpus cases, arising in said county, is forbidden.

53. The clerk of the Circuit Court for Baltimore county shall keep a regular index of the names of all parties, grantors and obligators, and grantees and obligees in all deeds, mortgages and bonds of conveyance relating to real or leasehold estate that may be left in his office for record, and the names of all such parties shall be duly entered in such index under the proper letters of the alphabet on the day of the receipt of such deeds, mortgages or bonds of conveyance.

54. He shall promptly and regularly index in the general index of his office, bills of sale, mortgages of personal property, and other conveyances, beside such as relate to land.

55. Each book of the general alphabetical index of the records of his office shall embrace the period of at least ten years for every letter to which such book may be appropriated.

56. Such index shall be under the supervision of the judges of said court, and besides being both in the name of each and all the grantors, and each and all of the grantees, and exhibiting the page and record of the several conveyances, shall give such designation of the land or property conveyed as the conveyances may furnish.

57. The said clerk shall be entitled to charge and receive, in addition to the amount chargeable for recording such conveyances or writing, twenty cents for the entry of each name in said index.

58. It shall be the duty of said clerk to enter in a general index all judgments obtained on the day on which said judgments are rendered, for which service he shall be allowed the same compensation as is now allowed for similar services, to be paid for by the parties to the suit, respectively, as other costs are now paid.

59. Said clerk shall destroy all poll books after they shall have been in his custody for two years, excepting the poll books of any district as to which a contest may be pending,