

kept, and County Surveyor shall receive a fee of one dollar for each plat so filed with him.

SEC. 85E. The clerk of the said Circuit Court and the County Surveyor of said county shall provide, and the County Commissioners of said county shall pay for suitable books to be designated Plat Book No. &c., in which such plats shall be affixed.

SEC. 85F. Such plats when filed for record as in this Act provided, shall constitute a part of the land records of said county, and shall have the same force and effect as to notice as is now given the properly recorded deeds.

SEC. 85G. When said plats are so recorded, those portions of said land designated on said plats as streets, roads, avenues, lanes, alleys and public parks or squares, shall be and the same are hereby declared to be forever dedicated to public use and shall not thereafter, on any pretext whatsoever, be altered or taken for private use; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall effect the right of any person or persons owning or claiming any interest in said land derived by, from or under any persons other than the maker of such plat, or by, from or under such maker prior to such sub-division; and provided further, that the maker of any such plat or plats, his heirs or assigns, shall have the right to apply by petition to the Circuit Court for said county, for leave to abandon the sub-division of lands so made by him, and reconvert the same into one tract or parcel; and said court, if convinced upon such proof, and after such notice by publication or otherwise or as it shall direct that no damage can be in any wise sustained by persons other than the petitioners, shall have power to pass an order authorizing and empowering such petitioner to abandon such sub-division, either in whole or in part, and the proceedings had under such petition shall be docketed in the equity dockets and recorded in the equity or judgment records of said court, the petitioners in all cases paying the just costs and charges for like work, and when such orders are passed the clerk of said court shall endorse on the plat affected hereby, the dates and place of record of such orders.

SEC. 85H. Whenever the owner of any lands of which a plat has been heretofore made and placed in the land record books of said county shall cause to be made an exact copy of said plat, except as to necessary change of scale and the addition of such matter as may be necessary to make the same conform to the requirements of the preceding sections, and shall comply with the requirements of the preceding sections as applied to plats of new sub-divisions, the same may be admitted to record and filed as other plats, and the said clerks shall endorse upon the record