

dollars, then in such case the said Board shall not be required to advertise for bids, but is authorized to have the work done and to procure the said supplies by private contract. In such event the contract shall be based upon specifications prepared by the State Librarian, and its terms shall conform to the requirements of the succeeding Sections; and such contractor shall give bond to the State, with surety and penalty satisfactory to the Board of Public Works, for the due, prompt and faithful compliance with said contract.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from and after June 1, 1918.

Approved April 10th, 1918.

CHAPTER 77.

AN ACT to authorize and provide for the general indexing of the Land Records of Somerset County, from the year 1665 to the year 1876, according to the most approved modern system in vogue.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Somerset County be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to make a general index of the Land Records of Somerset County from the beginning of said Land Records, in the year 1665, in said county, to the year 1876, according to the most approved system now in vogue, of which the said Clerk shall be the sole judge.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Somerset County be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to let on contract the execution of the work of indexing as aforementioned, as a whole, subject to the approval of the resident Judge of the Circuit Court for Somerset County; provided that the work shall be done expeditiously, and that the plan adopted be chosen with that end in view.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the County Commissioners of Somerset County be, and they are hereby authorized and required to levy upon the assessable property of said County, in the manner provided by law, a sum sufficient to pay for said indexing.

Approved April 18th, 1918.