

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Washington County be and he is hereby authorized to make a general index of the Land Records and the Judgment Records of said Washington County from the beginning of said Land Records and Judgment Records in the year 1777 in said county to the year 1916, according to the most approved system now in vogue, of which the said Clerk shall be the sole judge.*

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

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted, That the County Commissioners of Washington County be and they are hereby authorized and required to levy upon the assessable property of said County, in the usual manner by law provided, a sum sufficient to pay for said indexing, unless the receipts of said Clerk's office from fees for services rendered therein over a period not longer than three (3) successive years shall be sufficient to pay for said indexing, after all the office expenses and salary of said Clerk shall be paid, in which event said work of indexing said Land Records and said Judgment Records shall be paid for out of the fees so remaining for such period; any deficit created thereby to be provided for by levy of the County Commissioners as herein provided.*

Approved March 17th, 1916.

CHAPTER 27.

AN ACT to amend Article 10 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Dorchester County," sub-title "County Commissioners, County Treasurer and Collectors," as enacted by the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, 1888, by adding new sections thereto to follow Section 105, and to be designated Sections 105A, 105B, 105C, 105D, 105E, 105F, 105G, 105H, 105 I, 105J, 105 K and 105L, for the purpose of establishing the budget system of finance for