

CHAPTER 24.

AN ACT to authorize and provide for new general indexes to the Land Records and Judgments in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Harford County.

WHEREAS, The present general indexes of the Land Records and of Judgments in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Harford County are in bad condition and are wholly unsatisfactory, whereby much inconvenience is caused, and serious and costly mistakes are likely to occur; and

WHEREAS, It is necessary to take immediate steps to provide said office with proper and workable general indexes.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Circuit Court for Harford County shall appoint a committee of three competent persons, members of the bar of said Court, to select a satisfactory system of general Land and Judgment indexes for the offices of the Clerk of the said Court, to purchase all books needed therefor, to contract for the making of said indexes, to verify, in conjunction with the Clerk of said Court, the accuracy of said indexes, when made; and to do all things that may be necessary and proper to do in the premises.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That said Court shall have full power to fill vacancies on said committee, whenever and however they may occur.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the total cost of the necessary books, and the making and verification of said indexes, up to the date of the passage of this Act, shall not exceed the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00); and that the excess fees of said Clerk's office shall, after the office fixtures are installed and paid for, be devoted to the payment thereof, until the same is fully paid.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law, and necessary to the immediate preservation of the public health and safety; and, having been passed by a ye and nay vote of three-fifths of the members of the two Houses of the General Assembly, shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 5, 1924.