

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That no deed or deeds conveying real estate or chattels real, situated or located in Worcester County, Maryland, shall be admitted to record among the land records of the Circuit Court for said County unless such deed is first presented to the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of said County for the purpose of making the proper transfer of such property upon the assessment books of said county, or unless, upon such deed being first presented to the Clerk of the Circuit Court for said County for record, such a description thereof be furnished to the Clerk of the Circuit Court as will enable the Clerk of the County Commissioners to transfer the property properly and intelligently upon said assessment books.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That if the transfer be made upon said assessment books before said deed is offered for record, the Clerk of the County Commissioners shall certify the fact of said transfer upon the deed; and if said deed be offered for record without such endorsement, the Clerk of the Circuit Court, before accepting the same for record, shall require one of the parties thereto, or some other person having personal knowledge of the facts, to state in whose name the property transferred stands upon the County Assessment Books, the number of acres conveyed by said deed (or if a town lot, a description thereof sufficient to identify and locate same on said Assessment Books), the improvements thereon, the number or approximate number of arable acres and the number or approximate number of acres set in woodland or swamp and such other information as will enable the Clerk of the County Commissioners to identify and locate the same on the Assessment Books and intelligently to make the transfer thereof; and all such sworn statements shall be, on each Monday morning of every week, returned by the Clerk of the Circuit Court to the Clerk of the County Commissioners, and said Clerk of the said County Commissioners shall forthwith properly record such transfers upon said Assessment Books. And the Clerk of the Circuit Court shall be permitted to add twenty-five cents to his recording fee for each deed that is presented to him for record without having first been presented to the Clerk of the County Commissioners, as above provided.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the County Commissioners of said County shall, immediately upon the passage of this Act, have printed and furnished to the Clerk of the Circuit Court, blank forms so printed as to indicate in detail