systems of modern indexes now in vogue in Maryland, and adjoining States for the purpose of determining the best system to install in said Clerk's office and for this purpose, the said Clerk is authorized and directed to pay the traveling and other expenses, incidental thereto of himself and said Committee out of the excess fees of his office for the fiscal year ending October 1st, 1927, a sum not to exceed five hundred dollars.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* that this Act shall take effect June 1st, 1927.

Approved April 26, 1927.

CHAPTER 614.

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 48-A of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Insurance," subtitle "Fraternal Beneficiary Associations," to be known as Section 183, and said section to follow immediately after Section 182 and to provide for the protection to the children or dependents of members of fraternal beneficiary associations or societies, and to prescribe the standard of solvency for such associations and/or societies, and to repeal all Acts and parts of Acts inconsistent with this Act.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new section be added to Article 48A of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Insurance," said section to be known as Section 183, and said section to follow immediately after Section 182, and to read as follows:

SEC. 183. Any Fraternal benefit society authorized to do business in this state that is one hundred percent (100%) solvent and has been doing business in Maryland for six or more years and has been one hundred per cent. (100%) solvent for the entire period, and operating on the lodge plan may provide in its constitution and by-laws, in addition to other benefits provided therein, for the payment of death or annuity benefits upon the lives of children upon the application of some adult person upon whom such child is dependent for support and maintenance. Any such society may, at its option, organize and operate branches for such children, and membership in local lodges and initiation therein shall not be required of such