

Office to furnish copies of such plats to the Supervisors of Assessments and to make copies of all plats heretofore filed with Clerks of Court and providing for the expenses in connection therewith.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That four new sections be and they are hereby added to Article 17 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Clerks of Courts", sub-title "Clerks of the Circuit Courts", said new sections to be known as Sections 72A, 72B, 72C and 72D, inclusive, to follow immediately after Section 72 of said Article and to read as follows:

72A. Whenever the owner or owners of land in the State of Maryland shall sub-divide their lands, for town or villa sites, streets, avenues, lanes or alleys and lots, and shall desire, for the purpose of description and identification, a plat of said sub-division to be made to be recorded among the Land Records of the county or city in which the land is situate, the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the county or city, is hereby directed to receive and record the same as hereinafter directed, but the said clerk shall not receive for record, nor allow to be recorded in his office, any such plat, until the requirements hereinafter prescribed shall have been complied with.

72B. Such plats must be drawn accurately to scale and may be made on a good quality of tracing linen or be blue prints on linen; shall contain the courses and distances of all the outline or perimeter of as much of the whole tract, proposed to be subdivided, as is shown on the plat and on all roads, streets and avenues. Where the alleys and lot lines shown on the plat are not parallel with the roads, streets and avenues, the courses and distances of such lines shall be put on the plat. The radii and chords of all curved lines shall be shown on the plat by courses and distances and their tangent points located by the co-ordinates hereinafter defined. The plat shall show a meridian line drawn through one of the corners of the outline or perimeter of the whole tract and another line drawn at right angles to said meridian through the same point. The meridian, so drawn, shall be either a true meridian or the magnetic meridian of the date of the plat and so marked on the plat. From the said meridian and right angle line all the courses and distances and co-ordinates shown on the plat shall be calculated. The co-ordinates shall be the distances of a point from each of the two lines drawn through the corner of the outline, as above directed, measured on lines parallel with said meridian and said right angle line North or South, East or West of said corner, and these distances shall be marked on the plat at the points where co-ordinates are required by this Act. The plat