

by the commissioners, which appeal shall be tried as other appeals provided in similar cases.

In force.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

CHAPTER 86.

Passed Mar. 6, 1856.

AN ACT to authorise the Justices of the Peace in the several election districts of Allegany, Somerset, Harford, Caroline, and Cecil counties to deliver their dockets, and all official papers appertaining thereto, into the hands of their respective successors in office.

Justices of the Peace authorised.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the Justices of the Peace in the several election districts of Allegany, Somerset, Harford, Caroline and Cecil counties be, and they are hereby authorised and required, in all cases where they are superseded in office by the election of new incumbents, to hand over and deliver to their respective successors in office, their several dockets, with all official papers appertaining thereto, instead of delivering them to the clerks of the Circuit Courts for said counties, as they are now required by law to do.

Dockets and official papers to be preserved

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the several Justices of the Peace, to whom the dockets and official papers may be delivered as aforesaid, shall keep and preserve the same, to be handed over in like manner to their respective successors in office; and that all such dockets and official papers shall be used and considered as the dockets and official papers of the respective Justices of the Peace to whom the same may be delivered, during their official terms of service; and that they be, and hereby respectively authorised to proceed with suits, or any other unfinished business remaining undisposed of by their respective predecessors in office, in the same manner as though such suits, or other unfinished business had originated within their respective terms of service; and that they

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be, and are other proceeding for their respective same effect originally obtained such judgment pertaining to their respective evidence, and official copies have been issued for said counties acted.

SEC. 3. take effect from

AN ACT to

Caroline, justices of the Peace to regulate and secure a course of business for

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State, and it is the duty of the Legislature, to provide for the free negroes and to be made a part of the services of the State, and it is the duty of the Legislature to seem just and equitable in certain

SECTION 1. of Maryland, Courts of the several counties shall