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An ACT to enable the judges of the court of appeals to appoint a clerk.

WHEREAS a clerk of the court of appeals hath not been appointed, and it is necessary that a clerk should be appointed: Preamble.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the judges of the court of appeals, or any two or more of them, shall have full power and authority to meet at the city of Annapolis, on such days as the said judges, or any two or more of them, shall determine and appoint, and qualify a clerk for the said court; which said clerk, when so appointed and qualified, shall hold his commission during good behaviour, removable only for misbehaviour on conviction in a court of law. Judges to appoint a clerk, &c.

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An ACT for licensing and regulating ordinary keepers.

BE it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the justices of each county, in court sitting, be, and are hereby empowered and authorised, at their next June and August courts on the eastern and western shores respectively, to grant licences to such person or persons as they shall think fit, being persons of good repute, to be ordinary keepers, for keeping of ordinaries, in such and so many places within their several and respective counties, except within the city of Annapolis, for the ease and convenience of the inhabitants, travellers, and strangers, as to them respectively shall seem meet, for every of which licences, except within the said city of Annapolis, there shall be paid the sum of six pounds, for every year such person or persons shall keep ordinary as aforesaid. Justices to grant licences, &c.

II. And be it enacted, That during the continuance of this act, all ordinary licences shall be renewed at every June and August courts, on the eastern and western shores respectively, on pain that any person, then omitting or neglecting to renew his licence, and continuing to sell liquor, as an ordinary keeper, shall be liable to all the penalties mentioned in this act against persons keeping ordinary or selling liquors without licence; and it shall also be lawful for the justices to refuse granting such person licence for that year, and if they shall think fit to grant the same at any court thereafter, the said ordinary keeper shall pay the full annual charge for such licence. Provided that any person, not having before had a licence to keep ordinary, may, at any other court, other than the courts aforesaid, have licence granted, if the justices see fit, to continue no longer than the June and August courts following, on the eastern and western shores respectively, when it shall determine, and may be renewed; for taking which licence, the ordinary keeper shall pay only in proportion to the time between his taking such licence and the court aforesaid. Licences to be renewed annually, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That the several sheriffs shall collect and receive all fines and forfeitures arising on the breach of any part of this act, Sheriffs to collect fines, &c.