

CHAP. 312. several counties of this State, passed at December session, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, chapter two hundred and twenty-four, having expired by limitation on the first of February, eighteen hundred and forty-five; AND WHEREAS, there is no provision made by law for the collection of fees due said clerks and registers, and it being just and reasonable that such provision should be made—Therefore,

Fees collected by the sheriffs.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That all fees due to the clerks of the several county courts of this State, of Howard District, clerks of the Court of Appeals, and clerk of the court of chancery for the Eastern and Western Shore, and of the Baltimore city court, and register of wills in the several counties of this State, Howard District, and of Baltimore city, on the first day of February, eighteen hundred and forty-five, whose term of service has expired by constitutional limitation on said day, shall be received and collected by the sheriffs of the several counties of this State, in the same manner, as fees due and owing such officers have been heretofore collected; and such sheriff shall use and have the same means of enforcing and collecting said fees, and be liable to said clerks and registers in the manner now provided by the existing laws of this State; *provided,* that nothing in this act, shall be so construed, as to deprive the said clerks and registers from collecting said fees by warrant, suit or otherwise.

Proviso.

Fees to be placed in sheriff's hands before 1st June, 1845.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That all fees due such clerks and registers, shall be placed in the hands of the sheriffs of the several counties, Howard District, and of the city of Baltimore, wherein the debtor or debtors may reside, on or before the first day of June, eighteen hundred and forty-five, and that such sheriffs shall collect the same, on or before the first day of January, eighteen hundred and forty-six, and shall account with the said clerks and registers for said fees; and on failure to collect and account to such clerks and registers on such day, the official bonds of such sheriffs shall be liable to be put in suit, at the instance and for the use of every person or persons aggrieved thereby.

In force after the passage.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That this act shall be in full force from the passage hereof.