

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That, five new sections be and the same are hereby added to Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Prince George's County," sub-title "Clerk," subject "Recording of Plats," and to read as follows:

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That, the Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County is hereby authorized and directed to have "Copies" made, without any change of scale, or size, or dimension, of all old and indistinct, damaged or mutilated plats of sub-divisions of Towns or Villa Sites heretofore recorded among the Land Records of said County, prior to the operation of Chapter 619 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1908.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That, the said copies of plats shall be made under the supervision and direction of the said Clerk of Court, by a competent surveyor or engineer to be selected by the said Clerk, as the lowest responsible bidder for the work of making said copies, after competitive bidding therefor; provided the said Clerk shall have the right to reject any and all bids. And in addition to such other notice as he may give, the said Clerk is directed to invite bids for said work by advertisement in at least two successive issues of a newspaper of said County.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That, the said copies of plats shall be made or drawn by said surveyor or engineer on substantial tracing linen or parchment, and shall be, by him, fastened, attached and recorded, under supervision of said Clerk, in a substantial book to be furnished by said Clerk and to be known and designated as Plat Book "A," which book shall be kept in the Clerk's Office of said County, as other Plat Books and Land Records are now kept. And the said Clerk shall endorse upon the record book at the folio where said original has been filed, a certificate that the plat heretofore filed in said record book has been copied and recorded under the provisions of this Act, which certificate shall give the liber and folio where said new plat may be found; provided that before said new plat or copy shall be entitled to record, as hereinbefore provided, there shall be endorsed upon same in addition to the other certificate required by this act, the certificate of the said surveyor or engineer, who made the copy, that the same is an exact copy of said original plat.