

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That in all cases where a clerk of any county court or of Howard District, or any register of wills of this State has been, or may hereafter be appointed, said clerk or register shall be authorised and required under the direction of the several courts to complete the business of his office of every description left unfinished by his predecessors. CHAP. 312.
Authorised to complete unfinished business.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That in all cases where business has been left unfinished by the old clerks or registers as aforesaid, which it was their duty to have completed, that in all such cases, the newly appointed officers shall be authorised to recover for completing the same, the fees allowed by law for such business at the time of such neglect by the old officers; said fees to be recovered from the old officers or their legal representatives, in all cases where they have been paid to said retiring officers by the parties properly chargeable therewith; and in cases where such fees have not been paid, then they may be recovered by the newly appointed officers from the parties properly chargeable therewith. Authorised to recover.

SEC. 3. *Provided, and be it enacted,* That nothing in this act contained, shall have operation until six months after the aforesaid several clerks and registers shall have vacated their respective offices; and that during that period, the retiring clerks and registers shall have a right to all needful papers in order to enable them to complete and finish their business, on receipting therefor, to their respective successors. Six months before operation.

CHAPTER 312.

An act relating to the fees of the Clerks and Registers of Wills of the several Counties of the State, of Howard District and of the City Court of Baltimore, and of the Clerks of the Court of Appeals; whose term of service expired by Constitutional limitation on the first of February, eighteen hundred and forty five. Passed March 10, 1845.

WHEREAS, the terms of service of clerks and registers in office at the passage of the act entitled, an act providing for the appointment of clerks of the several county clerks, of the Court of Appeals, and clerk of the court of chancery, for the Eastern and Western Shores, the clerk of Baltimore city court; and the registers of wills in the Preamble.