

deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof before any justice of the peace of said county shall be fined not less than ten dollars nor more than twenty dollars for each offense, together with the costs of prosecution, or shall be subject to a forfeiture of the dog or dogs and gun to the said person belonging, or both fine and forfeiture, in the discretion of the justice of the peace before whom such person is found guilty, and upon the forfeiture of said dog or dogs and gun, the same shall be sold by the officer making the arrest, who shall receive a fee of two dollars therefor, to be paid from the proceeds of such sale; and one-half of all such fines and proceeds of forfeitures, after all costs are paid, shall be paid to the owner or occupant of the land swearing out the warrant, and the other half to the County Commissioners.

Forfeitures.

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

Approved April 7, 1900.

CHAPTER 302.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Section six of Article 52 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Justices of the Peace," sub-title "Civil Jurisdictions," as amended by Acts of eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, Chapter one hundred and sixty-seven.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section six of Article 52 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Justices of the Peace," sub-title "Civil Jurisdictions," as amended by Acts of eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, Chapter one hundred and sixty-seven, be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, as follows:

Justices of the
peace.
Civil
jurisdictions.

6. The civil jurisdiction of justices of the peace extends to all cases for the enforcement of contracts, and to obtain redress for wrongs where the debt or damages claimed shall not exceed one hundred dollars; to all suits on bonds with penalty exceeding one hundred dollars, where the sum due and claimed does not exceed one hundred dollars; to actions of replevin, where the value of the thing in controversy does not exceed one hundred dollars, and which value shall be ascertained by appraisers summoned and sworn by the sheriff or other officer to whom the writ of replevin is directed; and to all cases of attachments against non-resident or absconding

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