

of stockholders to creditors and depositors of Safe Deposit, Trust, Guaranty, Loan and Fidelity Companies.

“Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the following be and the same is hereby added to Article 23 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, to follow immediately after section 85 L of said Article, and to appear therein as section 85 L, One (1).

“85 L, One (1). The exclusive remedy for the enforcement against stockholders residing in the State of Maryland, of the liability created by the foregoing section, shall be by Bill in Equity in the nature of a creditors' bill, filed against such stockholders by one or more creditors on behalf of themselves and all other creditors of the corporation who may come in and make themselves parties thereto, in a Court having jurisdiction within the limits of the county or the city of Baltimore, in which, as the case may be, the principal office of the corporation is situated at the time of the filing of the bill, or in case any such corporation has, by reason of having been placed in the hands of a receiver, or from any other cause, ceased to have any principal office at the time of the filing of the bill, then the bill shall be filed in a Court having jurisdiction within the limits of the county or city of Baltimore, in which, as the case may be, the said corporation had its last principal place of business; and to any such bill, stockholders residing beyond the limits of the State of Maryland may become parties defendant and upon so becoming parties shall not be proceeded against in any other state or territory or the District of Columbia in respect of the liability imposed by said section 85 L. This section shall become operative as of January 1, 1903, and shall cause the abatement of all actions at law which shall have been brought against such stockholders since that date to enforce the liability created by section 85 L.: provided however, that as to any plaintiff or plaintiffs in any of said abated suits who shall, within sixty days from the passage of this Act, become a party or parties to a bill in equity of the