

## CHAPTER 84.

AN ACT to add two new sections to Article 2 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Anne Arundel County", sub-title "Circuit Court", said new sections to be known as Sections 188A and 188B, and to follow immediately after Section 188 of said Article, providing for the payment of certain clerk's and sheriff's costs before taking actions at law in the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County in certain cases, and providing penalties for the violation thereof.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That two new sections be and they are hereby added to Article 2 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Anne Arundel County", sub-title "Circuit Court", said new sections to be known as Sections 188A and 188B, to follow immediately after Section 188 of said Article, and to read as follows:

188A. The Clerk of the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County shall not docket suit or issue process in any action-at-law until the person or corporation seeking to docket said proceeding shall first pay to said Clerk Two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$2.50) to defray the Clerk's costs for the docketing of said proceeding and Seventy-Five Cents (\$.75) additional for each defendant named in said proceeding to be paid to the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County for his services in serving the writ of summons of the defendant or defendants when actually summoned.

If the Clerk of the Circuit Court shall docket any proceeding on the law side thereof without first complying with the provisions of this Act, he shall forfeit and pay to said Court the amount of costs due as a result of said failure upon his part.

188B. Any person entitled to commence an action-at-law in the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, may, upon the Order of said Court, commence said action without being required to pre-pay the costs mentioned in Section 188A, upon filing in said Court a statement under oath in writing, that because of his poverty he is unable to pay the said costs, and that he believes that he is entitled to the redress he seeks in such action-at-law, and setting forth briefly the nature of his alleged cause of action; provided, however, that any wilful false swearing in any oath or affidavit under the provisions of this section shall be punishable as perjury under the provisions of the criminal law now or hereafter in force in Maryland.