

## CHAPTER 29.

AN ACT to add two new Sections to Article 23 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Wicomico County," sub-title "Circuit Court," said new section to be known as Sections 18A and 18B, and to follow immediately after Section 18 of said Article, providing for the payment of certain Clerk's and Sheriff's costs before docketing actions at law in the Circuit Court for Wicomico 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 23 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Wicomico County," sub-title "Circuit Court," said new sections to be known as Sections 18A and 18B and to follow immediately after Section 18 of said Article and to read as follows:

18A. The Clerk of the Circuit Court for Wicomico 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 be credited on 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 said Clerk for the services of the Sheriff in serving the Writ of Summons on the Defendant or Defendants named therein.

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

18B. Any person entitled to commence an action-at-law in the Circuit Court for Wicomico County, may, upon the order of said Court, commence said action without being required to prepay the costs mentioned in Section 18A, 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.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1937.

Approved May 18, 1937.