

Laws of Maryland, as amended by Chapter 24 of the Acts of the Special Session of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1936, be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted to read as follows:

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-residents or absconding debtors where the sum claimed does not exceed one hundred dollars, and also to all cases of attachment in any of the cases mentioned in Section 36 of Article 9 where the sum claimed shall not exceed one hundred dollars; provided that nothing herein contained shall be held or construed to affect suits pending on April 5, 1900, nor judgments then existing. Justices of the Peace of Garrett County shall, after June 1, 1931, have civil jurisdiction in all cases hereinbefore mentioned in this section of this Article instituted after June 1, 1931, and involving amounts not exceeding two hundred dollars. Justices of the Peace of Wicomico County shall, after the date of the passage hereof, have civil jurisdiction in all cases hereinbefore mentioned in this section of this Article instituted after the date of the passage hereof and involving amounts not exceeding three hundred dollars. Justices of the Peace of Prince George's County shall, after the date of the passage hereof, have civil jurisdiction in all cases hereinbefore mentioned in this section of this Article instituted after the date of the passage hereof and involving amounts not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and having been passed upon a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all of the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

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