

CHAPTER 69.

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 4 of the Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Baltimore City", to be under sub-title "Costs", to be known as Section 389A of said Article, said new section to provide for the payment of certain sums to the clerks of the Law Courts of Baltimore City by plaintiffs in said Courts as a deposit to be appropriated to the payment of costs in said Courts.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 4 of the Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Baltimore City", to be under sub-head "Costs", said new section to be known as Section 389A and to follow immediately after Section 389 of said Article and to read as follows:

389A. After the first day of June, 1937, process shall not be issued, and action shall not be taken in any original suit, matter, or proceeding, instituted in any of the Civil Common Law Courts of the City of Baltimore, unless and until the plaintiff, or some one in his behalf shall deposit with the Clerk of the Court in which such suit, matter or proceedings shall be brought, towards the payment of all costs of the Clerk and Sheriff for which the plaintiff is liable, the following sums, viz.:

For and on account of the Clerk's costs for docketing such suit, matter or proceeding, the sum of Three dollars and seventy-five cents (\$3.75); with an additional sum of twenty-five cents for each defendant.

For and on account of the services of the Sheriff in serving the writ of summons on each defendant, the sum of One dollar and thirty-five cents (\$1.35) for each corporate defendant; and the sum of ninety-five cents for each other defendant.

Provided that such deposits need not be made by any person, who by petition under oath filed in such suit, matter or proceeding, shall satisfy the Judge thereof that the petitioner is not of ability to make such deposit; and whose counsel shall certify that the petitioner's said suit, matter, or proceeding is meritorious; in which event the Court shall pass an order allowing process to be issued and action taken without such deposit.

And provided further that a deposit shall not be required to be made in proceedings in the nature of an appeal to the Common Law Courts of Baltimore City, to have reviewed any decision of the State Industrial Accident Commission, and in appeals from judgments rendered by the Justices of the Peace appointed for each of the legislative districts of Baltimore