

CHAPTER 54.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Section 1 of Article 57 of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, 1924 Edition, title "Limitations of Actions," for the purpose of defining more clearly the period of limitations in actions on the case for libel and slander.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 1 of Article 57 of the Annotated Code, 1924 Edition, be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments to read as follows:

1. All actions of account, actions of assumpsit, or on the case, except as hereinafter provided, actions of debt on simple contract, detinue or replevin, all actions for trespass for injuries to real or personal property, all actions for illegal arrest, false imprisonment, or violation of the twenty-third, twenty-sixth, thirty-first and thirty-second articles of the declaration of rights, or any of them, or of the existing, or any future provisions of the code touching the writ of habeas corpus, or proceedings thereunder, and all actions, whether of debt, ejectment or of any other description whatsoever, brought to recover rent in arrear, reserved under any form of lease, whether for ninety-nine years renewable forever, or for a greater or lesser period, and all distraints issued to recover such rent shall be commenced, sued or issued within three years from the time the cause of action accrued; and all actions on the case for libel and slander and all actions of assault, battery and wounding, or any of them, within one year from the time the cause of action accrued; this section not to apply to such accounts as concern the trade or merchandise between merchant and merchant, their factors and servants who are not residents within this State.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect as of June 1st, 1933.

Approved March 16, 1933.

CHAPTER 55.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 252 of the Public Local Laws of Baltimore County (as enacted by Sec. 216I, Chapter 290, Acts 1922), codified