

CHAP. 408.

Where
jurisdiction
of justices
of the peace
shall extend.

Section 9. The jurisdiction of justices of the peace of the State of Maryland shall extend to all cases wherein executors or administrators are parties, plaintiffs or defendants, except that no administrator or executor shall be sued before a justice of the peace within thirteen months from the date of his letters, unless such executor or administrator shall within six months of the date of such letters dispute or reject any claim filed against his descendant's estate.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 8, 1902:

CHAPTER 409.

AN ACT to add five additional Sections to Section 24, Article number 1, of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Allegany County," sub-title "Circuit Court," and providing for speedy judgment in now contested cases.

New sections
added.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That five additional sections be and they are hereby added to section 24 of Article number 1 of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Allegany County," sub-title "Circuit Court," said sections to be known as section 24 A, section 24 B, section 24 C, section 24 D, and section 24 E, and to follow section 24, as repealed and re-enacted by chapter 154 of the Acts of 1894, which said added sections shall read as follows:

Return day.

Section 24 A. In addition to the first day of each term of the Circuit Court for Allegany county, now fixed by law, the second Monday in February, March, May, June, August, September, November and December, in each year, shall be return days, and the word "return day," whenever used in this Act, shall apply as well to the first day of each term as to the other return day herein enumerated.

Entitled
to judgment.

Section 24 B. In any suit, when the cause of action is a contract, whether in writing or not, or whether expressed or implied, the plaintiff, if affidavit or affirmation be made, as hereinafter stated, shall be entitled to judgment, to be entered by the Court or the clerk thereof, on motion in writing, at any time after fifteen days from the return day to which the defendant shall have been summoned, although the defendant may have pleaded, unless such plea contains a good defence, and unless the defendant, or some one in his behalf, shall, under oath or affirmation, state that every plea so pleaded by the