

provided, that the sheriff elected for Calvert county shall be required to give a bond in the penalty of ten thousand dollars, and for no greater sum.

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

Approved April 6th, 1894.

CHAPTER 648.

AN ACT to add an additional section to the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, Article 9, title "Attachments," to be known as "Section 48."

New section. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the following section be and it is hereby added to Article 9 of the Code of Public General Laws of the State of Maryland, title "Attachments," to be known as "Section 48."

Attachment proceedings. 48. Although the debt or obligation upon which the action is brought may not have matured, the creditor may, nevertheless, proceed by attachment, as heretofore provided, in the following cases: (1) When the debtor absconds; (2) when he has assigned, disposed of or concealed or is about to assign, dispose of or conceal his property or some part thereof, with intent to defraud his creditors; (3) when he is about to abscond from this State; (4) when he has fraudulently contracted the debt or incurred the obligation respecting which the action is brought; or, (5) when he has removed or is about to remove his property, or some portion thereof, out of this State, with intent to defraud his creditors. The date of the maturity of the debt or obligation shall be set forth in the affidavit upon which the attachment is to issue, and the plaintiff shall not be entitled to judgment either in the short note or in the attachment case until after the maturity of the debt or obligation.

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