

SECTION. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new section be and the same is hereby added to Article 10 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Attorneys at Law and Attorneys in Fact," to follow section 9, and to be designated as "Section 9 A," and to read as follows:

9 A. All persons who are now or shall hereafter be admitted to practice law in any court of this State, or his duly authorized representative, shall be entitled to inspect and examine the records and indexes in the clerk's offices of the circuit courts in this State and the courts constituting the Supreme Bench of Baltimore city, and in the offices of the Register of Wills in this State, and of the Commissioner of the Land Office, and to make memoranda or notes therefrom for any lawful purpose without payment of fees therefor.

Approved April 2, 1898.

CHAPTER 167.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Section 6 of Article 52 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Baltimore City," sub-title "Justice of the Peace."

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That section 6 of Article 52 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Baltimore City," sub title "Justice of the Peace," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments, as follows: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 two hundred dollars; to all suits on bonds, with penalty exceeding two hundred dollars, where the sum due and claimed does not exceed two hundred dollars; to actions of replevin, where the value of the thing in controversy does not exceed two hundred dollars, and which value shall be ascertained by appraisers summoned and sworn by the sheriff, or the officer to whom the writ of replevin is directed; and to all cases of attachment against non-resident or absconding debtors, where the sum claimed does not exceed two hundred dollars; and also to all cases of attachment in any of the cases mentioned in section 35 of Article 9 where the sum claimed shall not exceed two hundred dollars.

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