

current year and thereafter the regular percentage required under the special pension act.

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

Approved April 10th, 1914.

CHAPTER 432.

AN ACT to add a new Section to Article 75 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Pleadings, Practice and Process at Law," said new Section to be known as Section 173, and to follow immediately after the Section numbered 172 in Bagby's Annotated Code of the Public Civil Laws of Maryland, 1911; and to provide for and regulate the right of plaintiffs and defendants to dismiss their suits and set-offs.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a new Section be and the same is hereby added to Article 75 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Pleadings, Practice and Process at Law," said new Section to be known as Section 173, and to follow immediately after the Section numbered 172 in Bagby's Annotated Code of the Public Civil Laws of Maryland, 1911, and to read as follows:

173. In all trials of actions at law in the Courts of this State it shall not be necessary to call the plaintiff before the verdict is rendered; nor shall the plaintiff be entitled to dismiss his suit or submit to a voluntary judgment of non pros. after argument upon the facts has begun in cases tried before a jury or before the Court sitting as a jury; but the plaintiff shall have the same right to dismiss such case or submit to a voluntary judgment of non pros. thereon, up to the time when such argument on the facts has begun, as before the enactment of this Section.

And in all cases where a defendant has specially pleaded set-off, the defendant shall similarly be entitled to dismiss his claim of set-off, or submit to a voluntary judgment of non pros. thereon, to the same extent and up to the same point of time as the plaintiff shall be entitled to take such action with respect to his claim.