

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 134 of the Public Local Laws of Prince George's County be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

134. In any action hereafter brought in the Circuit Court of Prince George's County arising *ex contractu*, if the plaintiff or his agent shall file at the time of bringing his action an affidavit setting out distinctly his cause of action and the sum he claims to be due, exclusive of all set-offs and just grounds of defense, and shall serve the defendant with copies of his declaration and of said affidavit, he shall be entitled to a judgment for the amount so claimed, with interest and cost, forty days after such service unless the defendant shall file a plea which if in bar is accompanied by an affidavit of defense denying the right of the plaintiff as to the whole or some specified part of his claim specially stating also, in precise and distinct terms, the ground of his defense, which must be such, as would, if true, be sufficient to defeat the plaintiff's claim in whole or in part; and where the defendant shall have acknowledged in his affidavit of defense his liability for a part of the plaintiff's claim as aforesaid, the plaintiff, if he so elect may have judgment entered in his favor for the amount so confessed to be due. Any Judge of the Circuit Court is hereby authorized either in vacation or term time to enter judgment under this Act where no affidavit of defense is filed and to hear motion for judgment and to enter judgment thereon where insufficient affidavits are filed.

Notice shall be given at the bottom of the declaration and in the summons in such cases where the plaintiff intends to claim the benefits of this Section.

Approved April 18th, 1916.

CHAPTER 514.

AN ACT to incorporate the town of Accident in Garrett County, Maryland.

WHEREAS, at a meeting of the male citizens and residents of the town of Accident in Garrett County, Maryland, held on the first day of January 1916, it was decided by a vote of said citizens and residents of said town attending said meeting that an application should be made to the General Assembly of Maryland for a charter of said town "of Accident."