

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Chapter 355 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1886, entitled "An Act relating to causes before Justices of the Peace in Talbot County," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, so as to read as follows:

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That it shall be lawful for any resident of Talbot County to be sued before any Justice of the Peace of said County whenever the debt or damage claimed to be due, or fair value of the property or thing in controversy does not exceed Two Hundred Dollars; but should said suit be brought outside of the Election District in which such person resides, said defendant shall have the right to have said case removed for trial before some Justice of the Peace of the Election District in which such defendant resides, and if there be no Justice of the Peace in such District then said suit may be removed before a Justice of the Peace of some other district for trial, but no removal shall be permitted in suits brought within the election district wherein the contract was made and such cause of action did originate. Where suits are removable, as herein provided, written notice of such desire for removal shall be filed with the Justice of the Peace before whom said suit is brought by said defendant, or by some person on his or her behalf, not later than five days after the return day named in the writ of summons issued in each case and provided further, that a good and sufficient bond shall be filed, at the time of filing the afore-said notice, by the defendant, or on his or her behalf, in double the amount of the plaintiff's claim or double the value of the property in controversy, and conditioned upon the payment of any judgment that may be recovered against said defendant in such action, or that may be recovered upon appeal therefrom to the Circuit Court for Talbot County. Upon the filing of the notice and bond as provided in this Act said Justice of the Peace shall immediately transmit all papers in said case for trial to a Justice of the Peace in the Election District in which the defendant resides, or if there be no Justice of the Peace in such District, then to a Justice of some other Election District for trial, and the designation of the Justice to whom such case shall be removed for trial