

Chapter 432, be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments so as to read as follows:

SEC. 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 a 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 except as hereinafter provided.

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, and no voluntary dismissal of the suit or submission to voluntary judgment of non pros by the plaintiff shall interfere with or affect the right of the defendant to recover in said suit on his plea of set-off.

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#### CHAPTER 662.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact Section 118-A of Article 16 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Chancery," sub-title "Non-Residents," as said section was enacted by Chapter 708 of the Acts of 1914 of the General Assembly.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 118-A of Article 16 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Chancery," sub-title "Non-Residents," as enacted by Chapter 708 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1914, be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

SECTION 118-A. In all cases in chancery where a non compos mentis owns property in this State and is a non-resident, and a guardian, committee or trustee has been appointed for said lunatic in a foreign jurisdiction, either with respect to his