

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 costs, 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 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 section 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.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1924.

Approved April 9, 1924.

CHAPTER 320.

AN ACT to add a new Section to Article 2 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title, "Anne Arundel County", sub-title, "Annapolis", to be known as Section 69 A of said Article, for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor, Counselor and Aldermen of the City of Annapolis to provide by ordinance for the summoning of persons before it or its committees in its discretion and for preserving order at its sessions and the sessions of its committees and punishing by fine any violation of such ordinances.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a new Section be added to Article 2 of the Public Local Laws of Maryland, title, "Anne Arundel County", sub-title "Annapolis", to be known as Section 69 A of such Article, to follow immediately after Section 69 and to read as follows: