

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.

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#### CHAPTER 385.

AN ACT to require the Board of County Commissioners of Cecil County, to make out and publish monthly, a full and complete statement of all claims filed for County expenses and to repeal Chapter 139 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1912, relating to publication of Monthly Statements.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the County Commisisoners of Cecil County, be and they are hereby required, in addition to the annual statement of County expenditures required to be made out and published by law, to make out, at the end of each month, a complete, perfect and detailed statement of all claims filed with said Board of County Commissioners for expenses incurred during said month or previous thereto, and not heretofore filed, specifying therein each particular item of expenses, and for what and to whom payable, and to cause the same to be published in at least two newspapers published in Cecil County at least ten days before passing upon or paying said claims, in order that any taxpayer of said County, who may desire to do so may have an opportunity to object or protest against the payment of any of such claim or claims before the same are paid. Any taxpayer desiring to object to the payment of any such claim or claims must file a protest in writing with the said Board of County Commissioners before the expiration of said ten days, specifying the claim or claims objected to, together with the reason for said objection. and upon the filing of said objection, it shall be the duty of said Board of County Commissioners to set the same down for hear-