

## CHAPTER 265.

AN ACT to add two new sections to Offutt's Revised Code of the Public Local Laws of Baltimore County, 1929 Edition, title 32 "Justices of the Peace and Constables," said new sections to follow immediately after Section 399 and to be known as Sections 399A and 399B, said sections to limit the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace in Civil cases and to provide for the right of removal in civil cases before Justices of the Peace under certain conditions.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That two new sections be and they are hereby added to Offutt's Revised Code of the Public Local Laws of Baltimore County, 1929 Edition, Title 32 "Justices of the Peace and Constables," said new sections to be known as Sections 399A and 399B to follow immediately after Section 399 and read as follows:

399A. No person shall be sued in a civil action before a Justice of the Peace of Baltimore County except in the election district where the defendant or any one of several joint defendants resides or in any election district immediately contiguous to the election district in which the defendant or any one of several joint defendants resides and such Justice of the Peace may if the case be within his jurisdiction, try, hear and determine the matter in controversy between the plaintiff and defendant upon full hearing of the allegations and the evidence of both parties and shall give judgment according to the law of the land and the equity and right of the matter.

399B. Either party to any civil case before a Justice of the Peace in Baltimore County, except cases between landlord and tenant covered by Chapter 311 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1929, may at any time before the trial of said case file a request in writing with the said Justice of the Peace to remove the said case to some other Justice of the Peace for Baltimore County and if the parties to the case agree upon any Justice of the Peace, the Justice of the Peace before whom the case is pending shall transmit the original papers of the case, together with a certified copy of his docket entries in said case to the Justice of the Peace to whom the said case is removed, provided that in the event the parties to the case do not agree upon a Justice of the Peace to whom the said case is to be removed the Justice of the Peace before whom the said case is pending may remove