

CHAPTER 51.

AN ACT to add a new section and sub-title to Article 75 of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, 1924 Edition, title "Pleadings, Practice and Process at Law," to follow immediately after Section 95 and to be known as Section 95-A under the sub-title "Foreign Laws," said new section prescribing the manner of ascertaining and applying foreign laws in actions or proceedings at law.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new section and sub-title be and it is hereby added to Article 75 of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, 1924 Edition, title "Pleadings, Practice and Process at Law," to follow after Section 95 and be known as Section 95-A under the sub-title "Foreign Laws," and to read as follows:

95A. Whenever in any action or proceeding at law any question shall arise as to the law of any other state or any territory of the United States, or the District of Columbia, or of any foreign country, such question shall be decided by the Court, and the Court shall grant such instructions to the jury, applying said foreign law to the facts of the particular case, as would be proper if such foreign law were domestic law; and whenever such question of foreign law relates to the law of any other state or any territory of the United States, or the District of Columbia, or of any other state or country whose system of law is based on the common law of England, the Court may, in its discretion, take judicial notice of the law of such state, territory or country, and may consult any book or document purporting to contain, state or explain the same, or may inform itself in any other way it deems proper.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1935.

Approved April 25, 1935.