

and claimed does not exceed one hundred dollars, to actions of replevin where the value of the thing in controversy does not exceed one hundred dollars and which value shall be ascertained by appraisers summoned and sworn by the sheriff or other officer to whom the writ of replevin is directed, and to all cases of attachments against non-residents or absconding debtors where the sum claimed does not exceed one hundred dollars, and also to all cases of attachment in any of the cases mentioned in Section 36 of Article 9 where the sum claimed shall not exceed one hundred dollars; provided that nothing herein contained shall be held or construed to affect suits pending on April 5, 1900, nor judgments then existing. Justices of the Peace of Garrett County shall, after June 1, 1931, have civil jurisdiction in all cases hereinbefore mentioned in this section of this Article instituted after June 1, 1931, and involving amounts not exceeding two hundred dollars. Justices of the Peace of Wicomico County shall, after April 8, 1936, have civil jurisdiction in all cases hereinbefore mentioned in this section of this Article instituted after April 8, 1936, and involving amounts not exceeding three hundred dollars. Justices of the Peace of Prince George's County shall, after May 18, 1937, have civil jurisdiction in all cases hereinbefore mentioned in this section of this Article instituted after May 18, 1937, and involving amounts not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars. Justices of the Peace of Queen Anne's and Somerset Counties shall, after June 1, 1937, have civil jurisdiction in all cases hereinbefore mentioned in this section of this Article instituted after June 1, 1937, and involving amounts not exceeding two hundred dollars.

Justices of the Peace of Montgomery County shall, after June 1, 1941, have civil jurisdiction in all cases hereinbefore mentioned in this section of this Article, instituted after June 1, 1941, and involving amounts not exceeding three hundred dollars.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1941.

Approved April 23, 1941.

CHAPTER 381.

(House Bill 671)

AN ACT to add a new section to the Code of Public Local Laws of Montgomery County (1939 Edition—being Article 16 of