

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 716A, 716B, 716C, 716D, 716E, 716F, 716G, 716H, 716-I, 716K, 716M and 716N of Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland and Baltimore City Charter (1938 Edition), title "Baltimore City", sub-title "Justices of the Peace and Constables", as said sections were enacted by Chapter 137 of the Acts of 1939, be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and two new sections be and they are hereby added to said Article, said new sections to be known as Sections 716-O and 716P, to follow immediately after 716N of said Article, and all to read as follows:

716A. The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City shall pay to the Chief Judge of the People's Court a salary of \$7,500 per annum, payable monthly, and to each of the Associate Judges of the People's Court, a salary of \$7,000 per annum, payable monthly, and none of said Judges shall receive any other compensation or fees whatsoever for their services hereunder. Each of said Judges shall devote to his duties as Judge a regular session, from 9.30 A. M. until 4 P. M. on every day except Sundays and legal holidays and Saturday afternoons after 12.30 P. M., and such other sessions at such times as the Chief Judge deems necessary or advisable, during such eleven months in each year as the Chief Judge shall assign. No Judge of the People's Court shall engage in the practice of law while holding the position of Judge. The Chief Judge shall make such assignments in such manner as to provide such regular sessions for the transaction of business, and such other sessions as he shall prescribe, throughout the entire year. All such sessions shall be held at such place as the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City shall provide.

716B. The People's Court of Baltimore City shall have exclusive original jurisdiction at law in all civil cases arising in Baltimore City over which Justices of the Peace had jurisdiction prior of May 5, 1941, including all cases in said City for the enforcement of contracts and to obtain redress for wrongs, where the debt or damages claimed shall not exceed \$100; to all suits on bonds with penalty exceeding \$100 where the sum due and claimed does not exceed \$100; to actions of replevin where the value of the thing in controversy does not exceed \$100; and to all cases of attachment in any of the cases mentioned in Section 36 of Article 9 where the sum claimed shall not exceed \$100; and in all cases arising under Sections 650, 651, 653,, 654 and 655 of the Baltimore City Charter.

716C. Actions triable in said Court shall be commenced by filing a written statement of claim, in concise form and free