

diction", increasing the civil jurisdiction of Trial Magistrates in Prince George's, Anne Arundel, Carroll and Harford Counties, and revising the provisions to the civil jurisdiction of Trial Magistrates in certain counties.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 7 of Article 52 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement), title "Justices of the Peace", sub-title "Civil Jurisdiction", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

7. The civil jurisdiction of Trial Magistrates extends to all cases for the enforcement of contracts and to obtain redress for wrongs where the debt or damages claimed shall not exceed one hundred dollars, to all suits on bonds with penalty exceeding one hundred dollars, where the sum due 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.

Trial Magistrates of Caroline, Charles, Dorchester, Frederick, Garrett, Kent, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Somerset, Talbot, Washington and Worcester Counties shall have civil jurisdiction in all cases hereinbefore mentioned in this section, instituted after June 1, 1941, and involving amounts not exceeding two hundred dollars.

Trial Magistrates of Allegany, Montgomery and Wicomico Counties shall have civil jurisdiction in all cases hereinbefore mentioned in this section, instituted after June 1, 1943, and of Anne Arundel, Carroll and Harford Counties shall have jurisdiction in such cases instituted after June 1, 1945, and involving amounts not exceeding three hundred dollars.

Trial Magistrates of Prince George's County shall have civil jurisdiction in all cases hereinbefore mentioned in this section, instituted after June 1, 1945, and involving amounts not exceeding five hundred dollars.

Provided, that nothing herein contained shall be held or construed to affect suits pending on June 1, 1945, nor judgments then existing.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1945.

Approved April 27, 1945.