

CHAPTER 468.

(House Bill 255)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 157 of Article 75 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Pleadings, Practice and Process at Law", sub-title "Process", providing that actions ex delicto may in certain cases be brought where cause of action arose.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 157 of Article 75 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Pleadings, Practice and Process at Law", sub-title "Process", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

157. No person shall be sued out of the county in which he resides until the sheriff or coroner of the county in which he resides shall have returned a non est on a summons issued in such county; provided, that nothing herein contained shall apply to any person who shall abscond from justice in the county where he lives, but such person may be sued in any county where he may be found; and provided further, that any person who resides in one county but carries on any regular business, or habitually engages in any avocation or employment in another county, may be sued in either county, whether before a justice of the peace or in a court of law or equity; this section not to apply to ejectment, dower, replevin, scire facias on judgment or decree, nor to heirs, devisees or tenants, against whom process may be issued to another county.

In any action ex delicto in which all of the defendants are not residents of, nor carrying on regular business in, nor habitually engaged in any avocation or employment in one county, the plaintiff may, at his election, sue all said defendants in the county where the cause of action arose. As used in this section the term "county" includes "Baltimore City".

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

Approved March 29, 1945.

CHAPTER 469.

(House Bill 260)

AN ACT to repeal Section 141 of Article 3 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Bal-