

hearing of the allegations and the evidence of both parties and shall give judgment according to the law of the land and the equity and right of the matter.

174E. The Circuit Court for Baltimore County is authorized to prescribe by general rules the practice and procedure in all civil actions before Justices of the Peace designated as Trial Magistrates in Baltimore County. Such rules shall neither abridge, enlarge nor modify the substantive rights of any litigant, nor shall any such rules apply to practice and procedure in criminal cases and cases for violation of the Motor Vehicles Law, but as used in this Act, the terms "practice and procedure" shall be liberally construed, and without intending hereby to limit their comprehensive application, shall be deemed to include process, writs, pleadings, parties, trials and judgments. Such general rules shall take effect on the date as prescribed therein. Upon taking effect such rules and any subsequent amendments or additions thereto, shall supersede any prior inconsistent public general or public local law. Such rules may be rescinded, changed, modified or added to from time to time by the Circuit Court for Baltimore County or by the General Assembly, and such alterations or additions to the rules shall become effective at such time as the Circuit Court for Baltimore County or the General Assembly shall provide.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1949.

Approved May 6, 1949.

CHAPTER 761

(House Bill 704)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 356 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Baltimore County (Smith's 1948 Edition), title "Public Works", sub-title "Sewer and Water" (Metropolitan District) so as to permit the County Commissioners of Baltimore County to determine, in its sole discretion, the manner and extent of advertising the sale at public sale of any bonds issued pursuant to the provisions of said section.

WHEREAS, Section 356 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Baltimore County (Smith's 1948 Edition), provides the man-