

CHAPTER 434

(House Bill 713)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 7(b), (c) and (d) of Article 52 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Justices of the Peace," sub-title "Civil Jurisdiction," as amended by Chapter 476 of 1949, increasing the jurisdiction of the trial magistrates in Charles County and correcting an error relating to Cecil County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 7(b), (c) and (d) of Article 52 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Justices of the Peace," sub-title "Civil Jurisdiction," as amended by Chapter 476 of the Acts of 1949, be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments to read as follows:

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(b). Trial Magistrates of Caroline, ~~Charles,~~ Dorchester, Garrett, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot and Worcester Counties shall have civil jurisdiction in all cases hereinbefore mentioned in this section and involving amounts not exceeding Two Hundred Dollars.

(c). In all cases of the types mentioned in Sub-section (a) of this section which involves amounts not exceeding \$300.00, Trial Magistrates of Allegany, Anne Arundel, Carroll, Cecil, Frederick, Harford, Montgomery, St. Mary's, Washington and Wicomico Counties shall have civil jurisdiction, *except that in Cecil County cases involving in excess of \$100.00 may be tried only before the Trial Magistrate who sits in Elkton.*

(d). Trial Magistrates of *Charles and* Prince George's ~~County~~ Counties shall have civil jurisdiction ~~except that in Cecil Council cases involving in excess of \$100.00 may be tried only before the Trial Magistrate who sits in Elkton,~~ in all cases hereinbefore mentioned in this section, instituted after June 1, 1945 in Prince George's County and after June 1, 1951, in Charles County, and involving amounts not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1951.

Approved April 13, 1951.

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*
 [Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.
 CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.