

4. *The Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint to said Court a Chief Judge and two Associate Judges to take office on the first Monday of ~~May~~ JUNE 1955, for a term expiring on the first Monday of May 1959. Thereafter said Judges shall be appointed for terms of four years expiring on the first Monday in May.*

5. (a) *The People's Court of Baltimore County shall have exclusive original jurisdiction at law in all civil cases arising in Baltimore County, including all cases for the enforcement of contracts, to obtain redress for wrongs, in actions of replevin and attachments as provided in Article 9 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, where the debt or damages claimed or the amount in controversy does not exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), and cases between landlord and tenant arising under Article 53 of the Annotated Code of Maryland and Title 15 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Baltimore County, and all civil cases arising in Baltimore County over which Justices of the Peace and Trial Magistrates had jurisdiction prior to ~~May 2~~ JUNE 6, 1955.*

(b) *Baltimore County is hereby divided into three (3) People's Court Districts, as follows:*

Eastern District, comprising that part of Baltimore County lying to the southeast of the Belair Road;

Central District, comprising that part of Baltimore County bounded on the east by the Belair Road and on the west by the Liberty Road; and

Western District, comprising that part of Baltimore County lying to the southwest of the Liberty Road.

(c) *No person shall be sued in the People's Court of Baltimore County except in the People's Court District where the defendant resides; provided, however, in the event of any cause of action involving more than one defendant, such cause of action may be brought where any one or more of such defendants reside. In the event any question of jurisdiction is raised under this sub-section before final judgment, the People's Court is authorized to transfer any such cause to the appropriate district for further proceedings.*

6. *Actions triable in said Court shall be commenced by filing a written statement of claim, in concise form and free from technicalities, setting forth briefly the particulars of the plaintiff's claim, and accompanied by any bond, bill of exchange, promissory note or other instrument, writing or account, upon which such action is brought. The plaintiff, or his agent or attorney, shall affix his signature to the statement of claim, and, if required by law or rule, shall verify such statement by oath or affirmation. When and as authorized by rule, a clerk of said court shall, without charge therefor, assist in the preparation of the statement of claim and other papers required to be filed in an action in said Court, and administer requisite oaths or affirmations.*

7. *In any action of replevin not brought on a conditional sales contract, the plaintiff, or any person on his behalf, may deposit with the Clerk, after approval by any judge, in lieu of a replevin bond and subject to such conditions as the Court may by rule prescribe, a sum*