

whole of said county, heretofore vested in the justices of the peace designated as trial magistrates and other justices of the peace of said county. In civil cases, the judges shall have jurisdiction in cases where the amount in controversy does not exceed [one thousand dollars (\$1,000)] *two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500)*, which jurisdictions shall be exclusive in cases involving amounts not exceeding three hundred dollars (\$300), and provided that all cases where the amount in controversy exceeds five hundred dollars (\$500) may be immediately transferred or removed for trial by any party to the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County. The determination of any matter adjudicated by the court shall be evidenced by a judgment entered on a docket which shall be maintained in such manner as the court may by rule determine. A copy of the docket entries, certified by the chief clerk, or by a deputy clerk, shall be evidence in any cause or proceeding in any court, or before any justice of the peace, or agency of this State. The court however, shall not be considered as a court of record.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1969.

Approved April 23, 1969.

CHAPTER 370

(House Bill 888)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 9 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Somerset County (1963 Edition, being Article 20 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland) title "Somerset County," subtitle "County Commissioners," as last amended by Chapter 306 of the Acts of 1966; and to repeal Section 10 of said Code, Article, title and subtitle, increasing the number of county commissioners to be elected in Somerset County, abolishing CERTAIN election districts in Somerset County and providing for the election of the county commissioners added by this Act in the 1970 election. AND ESTABLISHING NEW ELECTION DISTRICTS.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 9 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Somerset County (1963 Edition, being Article 20 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Somerset County," subtitle "County Commissioners," as last amended by Chapter 306 of the Acts of 1966; be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

9.

There shall be [three] *five* County Commissioners for Somerset County, who shall hold office for four years, and until their successors shall be elected and qualified. Each of said commissioners shall receive an annual salary of \$1,500.00 in addition to the mileage which may be allowed by law.