

(11) WHERE ANY SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE PROVIDES ITS OWN TRAFFIC SCHOOL THE JUDGES OF THE DISTRICT COURT SHALL HAVE AUTHORITY TO REQUIRE IN APPROPRIATE CASES THAT PERSONS SHALL ATTEND SUCH LOCAL TRAFFIC SCHOOL IN LIEU OF THE STATE MAINTAINED TRAFFIC SCHOOL.

(c) Civil Jurisdiction.

(1) General Jurisdiction. The District Court shall have jurisdiction at law in all cases for the enforcement of contracts and to obtain redress for wrongs where the debt or damages claimed do not exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00); in actions of replevin where the value of the thing in controversy does not exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00); in all cases of attachment on original process where the sum claimed does not exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00); in all other civil actions over which the People's Court of Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Anne Arundel, Prince George's, Montgomery, OR Wicomico County ~~or the Housing Court of Baltimore County~~ had jurisdiction prior to the effective date of this section in each such county, and where the amount in controversy does not exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00); and in all actions involving landlord and tenant, distraint, forcible entry and detainer and grantee suits regardless of the amount involved.

(2) Concurrent and Exclusive Jurisdiction. In all those civil actions listed in paragraph (1) hereof, the District Court shall have exclusive original jurisdiction where the amount in controversy does not exceed two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00); provided that the court shall have exclusive original jurisdiction in actions involving landlord and tenant, distraint, forcible entry and detainer and grantee suits regardless of the amount involved. Jurisdiction shall be concurrent with the circuit court in all cases where the amount in controversy exceeds two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00), but does not exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00).

(3) Venue. (i) The venue provisions of Article 75, Section 75 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, 1957 Edition, as amended, shall apply to all civil actions in the District Court.

(ii) In all civil actions where the amount in controversy exceeds five hundred dollars (\$500.00) either party shall have a right, *within such time as prescribed by rule*, to demand a trial by jury in which event the case shall be transmitted forthwith to the Circuit Court in the County in which the cause of action arose or was filed, or to the Superior Court of Baltimore City if the cause of action arose or was filed in the City of Baltimore.

(E) DISTRICT COURT JUDGES SHALL HAVE AUTHORITY AS PROVIDED BY LAW CONCERNING THE ADMITTING OF PERSONS TO EMERGENCY AND/OR MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES.

(F) (1) ANY DEFENDANT IN A CIVIL OR CRIMINAL CASE PENDING BEFORE ANY DISTRICT COURT JUDGE SHALL HAVE THE CASE REMOVED TO ANOTHER DISTRICT COURT JUDGE SITTING IN OR ASSIGNED TO THE SAME DISTRICT BY FILING AT ANY TIME BEFORE TRIAL AN AFFIDAVIT, EXECUTED BY THAT PARTY OR HIS AT-