

## COUNTY LOCAL LAWS

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), which jurisdiction 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 Howard County.

## Sec. 7.107 - Other Powers.

In addition to the power above enumerated and not in derogation or limitation thereof, the Judges of the People's Court shall have the following powers:

(a) To provide by appropriate rules and printed forms, for the administration of said Court and for the expeditious, orderly, efficient and simple practice and procedure in said Court which may relate to, and include, but shall not be limited to, the fixing of court costs, registered or certified mail service, return days, practice in suits against nonresidents, attachments, replevins, joint tortfeasors, counterclaims, cross-claims, and consolidations, continuances, depositions, dismissals, arbitrations, setoff's, appeal bonds, summary judgments, judgments by default, judgment by confession, supplementary proceedings, new trial, and such other matters not inconsistent with law. Such rules shall have the force of law until rescinded or modified by the said Judges or by the General Assembly.

(b) To punish for contempt of court.

(c) To suspend or reduce sentence and/or costs in any case within ten (10) days after judgment has been pronounced.

(d) The People's Court of Howard County, before conviction of any person accused of crime with the written consent of the person so accused, whether a minor or an adult, and after conviction or after a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, without such consent, are empowered during