

JURISDICTION ON A COURT TO ENFORCE THE AGREEMENT AND ENTER JUDGMENT ON AN ARBITRATION AWARD.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived from the last sentence of Art. 7, §16. This provision is allocated next to the definition section for the purpose of better organization.

The General Assembly amended this section to give Maryland courts jurisdiction if an agreement provides for arbitration "under the Laws of this State". Under Art. 7, §16, Maryland courts had jurisdiction only if the agreement provided for arbitration "in this State."

SEC. 3-203. VENUE.

(A) FILING INITIAL PETITION.

AN INITIAL PETITION SHALL BE FILED WITH THE COURT IN THE COUNTY:

(1) AS PROVIDED BY THE AGREEMENT; OR

(2) WHERE THE ARBITRATION HEARING WAS HELD.

(B) ADDITIONAL VENUE.

IF THE AGREEMENT DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR A COUNTY IN WHICH THE PETITION SHALL BE FILED OR IF THE HEARING HAS NOT BEEN HELD, THE PETITION SHALL BE FILED WITH THE COURT IN THE COUNTY WHERE:

(1) THE ADVERSE PARTY RESIDES;

(2) HAS A PLACE OF BUSINESS; OR

(3) IF HE HAS NEITHER A RESIDENCE NOR A PLACE OF BUSINESS IN THE STATE, IN ANY COUNTY.

(C) FILING SUBSEQUENT PETITION.

A SUBSEQUENT PETITION SHALL BE FILED WITH THE COURT HEARING THE INITIAL PETITION UNLESS THE COURT DIRECTS OTHERWISE.

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