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CHAPTER 758

(House Bill 693)

AN ACT concerning

District Court - Civil Jurisdiction

FOR the purpose of increasing the maximum amount over which the District Court has exclusive original civil jurisdiction; ~~increasing---the---minimum---amount---in---controversy---in---which---a---plaintiff---may---elect---to---file---suit---in---District---Court---or---in---a---trial---court---of---general---jurisdiction,~~ and making technical changes.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
Section 4-401(1) and 4-402(d)(1)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1980 Replacement Volume and 1980 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

4-401.

Except as provided in § 4-402 OF THIS SUBTITLE, and subject to the venue provisions of Title 6 OF THIS ARTICLE, the District Court has exclusive original civil jurisdiction in:

(1) An action in contract or tort, if the debt or damages claimed do not exceed [\$5,000] \$10,000;

4-402.

(d) (1) Except in a case under paragraph (2), (4), (5), or (6) of § 4-401 OF THIS SUBTITLE, the plaintiff may elect to file suit in the District Court or in a trial court of general jurisdiction, if the amount in controversy exceeds ~~-\$2,500-}-\$5,000.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1981.