

may consist of real property, in kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act (Prince George's County) 100,000

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2006.

Enacted May 26, 2006.

CHAPTER 575

(House Bill 427)

AN ACT concerning

Courts - Jury Trials in Civil Actions - Amount in Controversy

FOR the purpose of providing that a ~~right to party may not demand~~ a jury trial in a civil action ~~does not exist~~ if the amount in controversy does not exceed a certain amount; providing for the construction and application of this Act; making this Act contingent on the passage and ratification of a certain Constitutional Amendment; and generally relating to jury trials in civil actions.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 4-402(e)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

4-402.

(e) (1) In a civil action in which the amount in controversy [exceeds] DOES NOT EXCEED \$10,000, exclusive of attorney's fees if attorney's fees are recoverable by law or contract, a party may NOT demand a jury trial pursuant to the Maryland Rules.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act may not be construed to affect any requirement under Maryland Rule 2-325 for withdrawal of an election for jury trial after a party files a demand electing a trial by jury.

SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed to apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or application to any civil action filed before the effective date of this Act.