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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.

(d) (1) (i) 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, exclusive of prejudgment or postjudgment interest, costs, and attorney's fees if attorney's fees are recoverable by law or contract.

4-405.

The District Court has exclusive jurisdiction over a small claim action, which, for purposes of this section, means a civil action for money in which the amount claimed does not exceed ~~[\$2,500]~~ \$5,000 exclusive of interest, costs, and attorney's fees, if attorney's fees are recoverable by law or contract; and landlord tenant action under §§ 8-401 and 8-402 of the Real Property Article of the Code, in which the amount of rent claimed does not exceed ~~[\$2,500]~~ \$5,000 exclusive of interest and costs.

6-403.

(a) In a civil action in the District Court, if the amount in controversy is ~~[\$1,000]~~ \$2,500 or less, there shall be no formal pleadings.

(b) If the amount in controversy exceeds ~~[\$1,000]~~ \$2,500 the forms and pleadings are as provided by Title 3, Chapter 300 of the Maryland Rules.

12-401.

(f) In a civil case in which the amount in controversy exceeds ~~[\$2,500]~~ \$5,000 exclusive of interest, costs, and attorney's fees if attorney's fees are recoverable by law or contract, in any matter arising under § 4-401(7)(ii) of this article, and in any case in which the parties so agree, an appeal shall be heard on the record made in the District Court. In every other case, including a criminal case in which sentence has