

## CHAPTER 706

(House Bill 187)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 147 of Article 75 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Pleadings, Practice and Process at Law", sub-title "Supplementary Proceedings", providing for summons by registered mail in certain cases.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 147 of Article 75 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Pleadings, Practice and Process at Law", sub-title "Supplementary Proceedings", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

147. At any time within which an attachment or execution might issue upon judgment or decree upon satisfactory proof being made to the court by affidavit or otherwise by the judgment creditor that it is probable that the judgment debtor has property or credits which would be liable to said attachment or execution and that the said judgment debtor is concealing or has concealed or disposed of the same with intent to evade the effect of said judgment, or at any time after the expiration of sixty (60) days from the entry of any final judgment or decree where said judgment or decree has not been paid or satisfied, the court, wherein said judgment was rendered shall issue an order requiring said debtor to attend and be examined concerning said property or credits at a time and place specified in said order, either in open court or before a standing commissioner or examiner as therein directed; the judge, commissioner or examiner may adjourn the proceedings under such order from time to time as he may think proper, and at any stage of the proceedings the court may in its discretion make a further order that any other examination or testimony be taken by a commissioner or examiner designated therein. The order requiring said debtor to attend to be examined shall be served upon the Defendant by the Sheriff where the Defendant resides or has his place of business or by notice issued by the Clerk and served on the Defendant by registered mail, such registered letter to be served on the addressee only; and upon the failure of the Defendant to appear after being summoned by said Sheriff, he may be punished by the Court by which said order or summons was issued for contempt.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1949.

Approved May 6, 1949.