

(e) (1) In a civil action in which the amount in controversy exceeds \$500, exclusive of attorney's fees if attorney's fees are recoverable by law or contract, a party may demand a jury trial pursuant to the Maryland Rules.

(2) Except in a replevin action, if a party is entitled to and files a timely demand, in accordance with the Maryland Rules, for a jury trial, jurisdiction is transferred forthwith and the record of the proceeding shall be transmitted to the appropriate court. In a replevin action, if a party is entitled to and files a timely demand for a jury trial, the District Court may conduct a hearing on the show cause order prior to issuing the writ, enforce an injunction issued by it in the action, and issue, renew, and receive returns upon the writ of replevin. The action shall be transmitted to the appropriate court only after the writ has been returned, stating that the property sought has been seized or elogned, and the time for filing a notice of intention to defend has expired.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1987.

Approved June 2, 1987.

CHAPTER 614

(Senate Bill 417)

AN ACT concerning

Estates and Trusts - Small Estates

FOR the purpose of altering the gross value of an estate necessary to qualify for administration under the provisions of law for administration of small estates; requiring the register of wills to issue additional letters of administration, as needed, to the personal representatives of small estates; changing the number of days, after the date of publication of notice, within which objections to the appointment of the personal representative can be made and claims filed for small estates; and providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to the administration of small estates.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Estates and Trusts

Section ~~5-601, 5-603(a)(1) and (b)(1)~~, 5-603(a)(1), and 5-605